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Ms Janie Finlay MP
Member for Bass

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Dear Ms Finlay

In the House on 25 September 2025 you asked the following question of the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, as recorded by Hansard.

I have had multiple constituents contact me about the proposed upgrades to the mountain bike tracks and the associated infrastructure at Kate Reed Reserve. Constituents are keen to understand the government's position on that.

Further, there is a current planning application before the Launceston City Council for \$2 billion worth of development in South Prospect. Constituents are keen to understand the government's position and what tangible action they will take to support this development go through, which is likely to unlock land for about 2000 houses, much needed in the current environment and will take pressure off supply, so what is the government's position and what specifically is the government doing to support these outcomes?

In response to your question regarding the mountain bike tracks...

Regarding the current planning application before the Launceston City Council for the development of South Prospect, this is an ideal opportunity to open up a significant parcel of land for building new homes.

The Government is reforming the State's planning system and has been working closely with councils on the comprehensive review into the Northern Tasmania Regional Land Use Strategy.

This will provide medium to longer term direction around land use, identifying where suitable opportunities are for appropriate expansion of the urban growth boundary.

Yours sincerely

Hon Kerry Vincent MLC
Minister for Infrastructure and Transport