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Mr Roger Jaensch MP
Liberal Member for Braddon
Via Clerk of the House of Assembly
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Dear Mr Jaensch

Thank you for your Constituency question regarding recent upgrades to the Nut and to request detail on what else is being done to improve access to our natural assets for people living with disability.

Our Government is committed to continually working towards making outdoor experiences as accessible to as many Tasmanians and visitors as possible.

We are doing this by improving access to parks and reserves throughout the state.

The walking track upgrades at The Nut State Reserve are a great example. As part of our four-year \$2.3 million commitment to improve safety and accessibility, the works include an all-access track featuring handrails, widened paths and a more gradual slope.

Also in the North-West, progress continues on the new all-access boardwalk along McBrides Creek in the Ferndene State Reserve, another component of the Dial Range Reserves walking track upgrades.

We've invested \$1.6 million into enhancing these walking tracks and all components of the project are expected to be completed by 2028.

In the North-East we have recently delivered upgrades to another of our 60 Great Short Walks, ensuring it is accessible for people living with a disability.

Visitors to Goblin Forest will now benefit from upgrades to the boardwalk and bridge. The Goblin Forest Walk is an easy, wheelchair accessible track located in the rainforest of the Blue Tier Regional Reserve.

The 400 metre circuit has received improvements to accessibility with the walk including passing bays and the installation of a new decking system to improve wheelchair accessibility.

These projects outlined demonstrates our commitment to improving safety and accessibility in our parks and reserves and I take this opportunity to acknowledge your long-term advocacy and leadership in this space.

I look forward to continue working with you and our community improving access for park visitors.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nick Duigan', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Hon Nick Duigan MLC
Minister for Parks