



Parliamentary Standing Committee of Public Accounts

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Follow-Up of the Report of the Auditor-General Expressions of Interest for Tourism Investment Opportunities (No. 3 of 2020-2021) Report

The Parliamentary Standing Committee of Public Accounts has today tabled its report into the implementation of recommendations arising from the Auditor-General's 2020 report on *Expressions of Interest for Tourism Investment Opportunities*.

The Committee's review examined the actions taken by Government agencies in response to ten recommendations made by the Auditor-General to strengthen governance, transparency, consultation, assessment processes, legal risk management and post-approval monitoring of tourism development proposals on public land.

Committee Chair, Hon Ruth Forrest MLC, said the Committee found that agencies had made significant progress in implementing many of the Auditor-General's recommendations, including improvements to assessment documentation, public consultation processes, probity arrangements and project monitoring.

The Committee found that Recommendations 4, 7 and 8 had been substantially implemented and that meaningful progress had been made on Recommendations 1, 2, 3 and 6. However, the Committee concluded that further work remains necessary in several key areas, particularly in relation to stakeholder consultation, assessment panel composition and the long-term monitoring and evaluation of approved tourism projects.

The report makes six recommendations aimed at strengthening transparency, accountability and public confidence in the Tourism Expressions of Interest process. These include establishing a formal stakeholder consultation framework, expanding consultation opportunities for significant Reserve Activity Assessments, reviewing the composition of the Assessment Panel, implementing a risk-based monitoring framework for leases and licences, and introducing structured evaluation of completed tourism projects against their original objectives and guiding principles.

The Committee noted that while important reforms have been undertaken since the Auditor-General's report, ongoing improvement is required to ensure consultation processes are robust, monitoring arrangements are auditable, and lessons from completed projects are systematically captured and applied.

The report follows written submissions from responsible agencies and evidence provided at a public hearing held on 5 February 2026.

The report is available on the Committee's inquiry webpage.

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