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Ms Janie Finlay MP

Member for Bass  
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Dear Ms Finlay

In Parliament on 11 November this year you asked the following question on behalf of your constituent in Bass:

*My question is on behalf of Tristan and is about the Density Incentive Grant Scheme. Tristan writes as a concerned individual, not a large corporation or a business, about the funds that he's put into his small but significant development. He raises several concerns about the department's poor notification process and the lack of consultation with stakeholders like himself, who have invested considerable time and resources in preparing the applications, but have not yet fully submitted them. He is a local developer committed to increasing housing supply and affordability in Launceston, and over the last 10 years has personally invested significant amounts of financial resources into this project.*

*A summary of his concerns are: the notification application status and impact on the program's closure, contradiction to government claims, and financial and policy implications. Given that, Tristan is asking that he has his application reconsidered and honoured under the original terms of the scheme, or at least be given an opportunity to complete and submit his existing application within the revised timeframes.*

Following low demand for the Density Incentive Grant Scheme, the Tasmanian Government announced, on the 25 September 2025, the funding for the scheme would be reappropriated for other initiatives to boost housing supply.

The program was closed on the 3 October 2025. Applicants with applications under assessment or subject to a request for further information were contacted and granted 14 days to provide sufficient evidence to complete applications.

I am aware some applicants commenced online applications but did not submit them. These applicants were not active in the grant system and therefore not notified of the closure of the grant program.

I have taken on board the feedback in relation to the notification of applicants who had registered for the scheme but not yet applied, however the Government's decision to close the scheme stands. I am therefore unable to make exceptions for applications which did not meet the cutoff date of 3 October 2025.

The Density Incentive Grant Scheme will be evaluated and considered as part of future budget processes.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kerry Vincent', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Hon Kerry Vincent MLC  
**Minister for Housing and Planning**