

Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania – Complex Regulatory
Processes

Mr GARLAND question to MINISTER for PRIMARY INDUSTRIES and WATER

A constituent from Ridgley has raised concerns about navigating the Department of Natural Resources and Environment (NRE) Tasmania's regulatory processes. He has encountered application systems that were not fully in place and accreditation processes where requirements weren't publicly available upfront, with additional demands emerging during the process amounting to tens of thousands of dollars in unforeseen costs. He is now even reluctant to continue lawful selective clearing on his own property for fear of unknowingly falling foul of the rules. He isn't asking to avoid environmental or biosecurity responsibilities but he wants clear rules, transparent processes and government working with farmers, rather than dictating to them. Will you bring back generalist extension officers who can work directly with farmers, much like a GP in medicine, understanding the whole farm, providing practical advice and bringing in specialist expertise when it is needed?