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Ms Tabatha Badger MP
Greens Member for Lyons
Via Clerk of the House of Assembly
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Dear Ms Badger

Thank you for raising your questions in Parliament on 25 March on behalf of your constituent Greg from Molesworth regarding the Halls Island lease.

I appreciate your questions will have now been answered with the Acting Minister signing an extension and the letter being published online by NRE.

The extension relates to a deadline for a milestone to be met, the timing of which is dependent on the Federal Government's approvals process. At this point in time it is still a matter awaiting Federal Government approval.

The Deed of Variation is clear that while an active assessment process continues, the Minister for Parks should not unreasonably withhold an extension.

The advice received confirms the Federal Government assessment process remains ongoing and the proponent remains engaged with this process.

Responsibility also sits with the proponent around aspects of a development proposal and there is no guarantee of any future extensions.

Your advocacy on this matter is appreciated.

Yours sincerely

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

Hon Nick Duigan MLC
Minister for Parks