Hastings Thermal Springs Precinct – Outcome of EOI Process

Mr WINTER question to MINISTER for PARKS and HERITAGE

My question is on behalf of the far south community. The community and regional tourism operators are deeply concerned about the ongoing uncertainty surrounding key tourism assets in the Huon Valley. Following the collapse of the Transformer project at Ida Bay, local businesses and residents are left in the dark about the future of iconic regional attractions. This anxiety has been compounded by the expression of interest process launched in June for the Hastings Thermal Springs Precinct, which closed on 27 July 2026. Locals are rightly worried about the potential loss of public access to the thermal pool, a vital community and visitor asset; and whether another regional tourism driver is set to be shelved or privatised without local benefit.

Can the Minister inform the community of the outcome of the Hastings Thermal Springs EOI process that closed in July? How many submissions were received? And will the Government guarantee the thermal pool and precinct will remain publicly accessible, affordable and fully operational for both local residents and tourists?