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Dear Ms Finlay

Thank you for your constituent question asked on 19 March 2026 in Parliament, regarding Liberty Bell Bay administration and the communication with workers.

On 23 March 2026, EY-Parthenon Limited (EY) were appointed as Voluntary Administrators of Liberty Bell Bay (LBB). EY's appointment follows a decision by White Oak Commercial Finance (White Oak) to appoint a receiver over the shares of LBB held by LibertyOnesteel (Primary) UK Ltd. White Oak is a credit fund, headquartered in San Francisco, with offices around the world.

EY has advised that it intends to stabilise the business while testing the market for a potential sale or recapitalisation. EY has also advised it intends to engage with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) to work with them to resolve the winding-up application that is currently before the courts.

The Government understands that recent developments with LBB have added to the ongoing uncertainty facing LBB workers and that this is having a real and direct impact on families and the broader community.

The Premier and I met with relevant workers' unions on 26 March 2026, recognising the important role that unions play in supporting affected workers.

The Government will continue to monitor the administration of LBB closely and will continue to engage with EY as it seeks to identify a pathway to new ownership capable of returning the smelter to viability.

The Government will continue to keep workers, unions, impacted supply-chain businesses and the broader community updated as the situation evolves.

Thank you for raising these matters in Parliament, I trust this information is helpful

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Felix Ellis".

Felix Ellis MP
Minister for Business, Industry and Resources

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