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Mr Mark Shelton MP
Liberal Member for Lyons
Via Clerk of the House of Assembly
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Dear Mr Shelton

Thank you for raising your question in Parliament on 17 March 2026 on behalf of your constituent regarding visitation to Maria Island and what the government is doing to ensure water and waste infrastructure on the island is suitable.

The Maria Island Rediscovered Project is upgrading critical infrastructure on the Island to ensure it is reliable, sustainable and meets contemporary standards.

Stage 3 works commenced in December last year and include the construction of a new wastewater treatment plant, the connection of all existing serviced buildings to the new pressure sewer system and new renewable energy system, and improved rainwater capture and storage capacity.

These critical infrastructure upgrades are essential to supporting a sustainable visitor experience on the island.

This is complemented with a range of mechanisms around visitor management to ensure the cultural, historic heritage and natural values are protected, and the distinctive experiences that attract people to the island are maintained and enhanced.

The Government remains focused on the sustainability of the island and ensuring visitors can continue to experience this treasured asset.

Thank you for ongoing interest in our nature tourism and advocacy on behalf of visitors from both locally and elsewhere.

Yours sincerely

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

Hon Nick Duigan MLC
Minister for Parks