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Dear Ms Butler

Thank you for the below constituent question you asked in Parliament on 29 October 2026.

Fiona of Macquarie Plains wrote to you in relation to Arundel Farm on 30 February, 20 May, 23 July and 25 September of this year - four times and she hasn't heard a thing. Minister, why haven't you responded? Do you not care about Tasmanian farmers?'

I am aware of the concerns that have been raised by the constituent with Members of Parliament in relation to the Partitions Act. My office responded to Ms Hume on 17 April 2026, acknowledging the correspondence and advising that responsibility for administering the Partitions Act rests with the Minister for Parks and Heritage and that the matter was being referred to Minister Duigan's office for action.

I understand Ms Hume has since been in contact with the offices of the Minister for Parks and Heritage, Nick Duigan MLC, and the Attorney-General, Hon Guy Barnett MP. A meeting has been arranged with both Ministers for this week to discuss her concerns.

The Government recognises the concerns raised about the potential for a co-owner of a farm to seek a forced sale or subdivision under the Act. While the Government is not currently reviewing the Act, I am advised that further advice is being sought through the Attorney-General's office regarding the application and operation of the Act.

The upcoming meeting will provide an opportunity for Ms Hume to discuss her concerns directly with the relevant Ministers and receive an update on the advice being sought.
Thank you once again for raising this matter.

Yours sincerely

Hon Gavin Pearce MP
Minister for Primary Industries and Water