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Ms Tabatha Badger MP
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Dear Ms Badger

Thank you for your question in Parliament on 19 May 2026 on behalf of your constituents in the Upper Derwent Valley regarding planning and investment at Mt Field National Park.

We remain committed to the long-term management and sustainable development of Mt Field as a key visitor destination within the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area.

In 2024, the Tasmanian Liberal Government committed \$7.8 million to make Mount Field a year-round visitor destination. This funding has been reaffirmed in the 2026–27 Budget and forward estimates. The investment will support improvements to walking tracks and alpine safety, reduce environmental impacts from visitation, provide small-scale public huts for walkers, and investigate transport and access options for the future.

At present, the Parks and Wildlife Service is prioritising delivery of the Mt Field Arrival Concourse project, supported by a separate \$2.05 million commitment. This project is progressing through detailed design and approvals, with construction expected to commence from February 2027.

The concourse will improve visitor flow, parking, and service provision at the park's main entry point, consistent with priorities identified in the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area Tourism Master Plan.

Further detailed planning and assessments for the broader year-round destination initiative are scheduled to commence in 2026–27, with on-ground works anticipated from 2027–28. This planning builds on extensive options analysis undertaken by Parks and Wildlife Service, which has focused on improving year-round access to alpine

areas, enhancing visitor safety and experiences, and ensuring environmental and heritage values are protected.

This staged approach reflects the complexity of managing a high-value World Heritage area. By concentrating infrastructure and services in appropriate locations, the project will enable increased visitation while ensuring large areas of the park remain undisturbed for future generations.

Your constituents can be assured the Government has not stepped away from investment at Mt Field, rather it continues to be managed in alignment with the Tourism Master Plan, which identifies it as a primary gateway.

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 and Heritage