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Dear Mr George

Thank you for your question in Parliament on 27 October 2026 on behalf of your constituent Dominic regarding the new Parks Online Booking System.

As you may be aware the initial launch phase now underway is transitioning the current campgrounds that already require payment of an overnight fee. As noted in your question, while Bay of Fires and Cockle Creek currently do not attract a fee, it is acknowledged these sites are highly sought after locations, particularly over the peak periods. Plans are in place to increase the number of locations included in the booking system to help address ghost camping and demand in the future. Both Bay of Fires and Cockle Creek are under consideration for future phases of the rollout.

In regard, to commercial bookings, I understand the new system will enable the Parks and Wildlife Service to gain insights into use by commercial operators to monitor and observe trends. The system is able to facilitate group bookings for community groups, schools and commercial operators, so these will continue to be managed in the system by operational staff to ensure independent and group camping use is balanced.

Overall, I'm pleased to share the new Parks Online Booking System had almost 1,000 bookings in the first 24 hours. More than 700 bookings were made before close of business on day one, showing strong demand from campers.

Furthermore, the mobile-friendly platform makes it easier than ever to find, book and manage camping trips in one place. Importantly, there is still availability at many popular locations around our state.

Once again thank you for your interest in this matter. I want to assure you and your constituents that this is about making it easier for locals and visitors to plan ahead while helping us manage our parks sustainably.

Yours sincerely



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