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Dear Ms Finlay

I write in relation to your question in Parliament on 4 March 2026 on behalf of your constituents regarding the construction of the Northern Suburbs Recreation Hub. The matter has been referred to me for response as the Acting Minister for Sport. Given the nature of your constituent's query, I have addressed each of your questions in the sections below.

**Construction Conditions and Compliance**

The Government is ensuring that construction conditions are closely monitored and enforced throughout the delivery of the project. I advised Infrastructure Tasmania meets regularly with the building contractor, Vos Construction & Joinery, with construction conditions and any complaints forming a standing agenda item at the fortnightly site meetings. These meetings are also attended by the Superintendent, ensuring all safety-related matters are formally recorded, promptly addressed, and mitigated as required.

Works are progressing in accordance with the relevant building and planning conditions, with the Hub scheduled to open from 28 March 2026.

**Management of Health and Safety Risks**

Construction activities at the site are being undertaken in compliance with all applicable work health and safety legislation and requirements, including those administered by WorkSafe Tasmania and Safe Work Australia. I am aware standard industry practices and site safety procedures are in place to manage and minimise potential health and safety risks inherent to construction activity.

Vos Construction & Joinery has confirmed it has not received any reports from workers—including subcontractors—experiencing symptoms like those outlined in the recent complaint. This advice was most recently reaffirmed on 17 March 2026.

## **Complaints Handling and Engagement with Residents**

I am told Infrastructure Tasmania has responded to all complaints received to date, including meeting directly with the residents who raised concerns, and has offered to act as the central point of contact for any ongoing issues. I am further advised that no other residents have made complaints of a similar nature.

I understand that during a site visit to a residence on Barton Street on 18 February 2026, no property damage or health concerns were observed or identified. However, I am aware residents noted that dust had been settling on external windows and windowsills, and that this had led to more frequent cleaning. They also indicated they had deferred planned roof and carport works to avoid further cleaning during construction. I am told Infrastructure Tasmania worked to identify a potential timeframe, prior to the commencement of Stage 3 works in September 2026, that would allow these works to occur with minimal disruption, however, unfortunately this timing did not work for the residents.

I believe the residents also reported concerns about yellow dust originating from white flowers at the nearby Mowbray Golf Club. However, I am advised that given multiple construction and environmental factors in the area, it is not possible to determine whether the Hub project is the source of this dust.

## **Costs to Households and Potential Impacts**

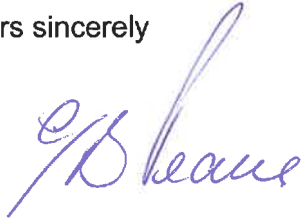
There is currently no evidence of health impacts, property damage, or households incurring clean-up costs as a result of the Hub project. No damages have been recorded or substantiated, and no claims have been lodged for reimbursement or remediation.

To date, Infrastructure Tasmania has not received any health-related complaints from workers on site and has not been provided with any evidence of health concerns arising from the project.

Infrastructure Tasmania is also seeking advice on the appropriate process for managing and responding to any health-related claims from members of the public. This advice will be provided to your office once received.

Once again thank you for raising these matters on behalf of your constituent. I trust this information is helpful.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'G Pearce', written in a cursive style.

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Acting for and on behalf of **Minister for Sport**