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Ms Tabatha Badger MP
Member for Lyons

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Dear Ms Badger

I refer to your Constituent Question relating to the Longford fuel depot on Tannery Road.

The Minister for Housing, Planning and Consumer Affairs, with responsibility for the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* (the LUPA Act) does not have the powers to alter, vary or revoke permits issued under the LUPA Act or other legislation relating to the approvals for Tannery Road, Longford.

Following an initial refusal of the planning authority, being Northern Midlands Council (the Council) on 16 October 2023, the proponent appealed the decision to the Tasmanian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (TASCAT). During the appeal, the Council changed their position in relation to the matter and a decision was made to provide the development with a planning permit.

I find it necessary to highlight that, during recent debates within the Tasmanian Parliament, the Tasmanian Greens have obstructed planning reforms that provide modest additional powers to the minister with responsibility for the LUPA Act. However, in this example, you appear to seek ministerial intervention in a proposal that has received development approval through the existing, and independent, processes.

I would welcome the opportunity to work constructively with the Parliament on our Government's commitment to further improve our planning regulatory framework.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Felix Ellis".

Hon Felix Ellis MP

Minister for Housing, Planning and Consumer Affairs

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