



PREMIER OF TASMANIA

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The Hon. Nick Duigan MLC  
Minister for Energy and Renewables  
Minister for Parks  
Minister for Sport

Dear Mr *Nick* Duigan

### MINISTERIAL STATEMENT OF EXPECTATIONS

Congratulations on your recent appointment as Minister for Energy and Renewables, Minister for Parks, and Minister for Sport.

Our Government must remain focused on delivery to keep Tasmania moving forward with certainty, stability, and efficiency.

The Tasmanian people have elected a minority Parliament, and a new approach is essential to make it work effectively. Communication and collaboration with the Crossbench and all MPs, both in the House of Assembly and the Legislative Council, will be critical, and I want you to play a positive, proactive role in ensuring this Parliament functions for the full four-year term.

I have attached the draft Foundations of Stability document, which includes the establishment of a ministerial engagement protocol. I encourage you to review this document and consider how you, as Minister, can actively contribute to and participate in that protocol.

Furthermore, I would appreciate it if you prioritised and focus on the below goals and objectives:

- With the Treasurer and state-owned energy businesses, continue to keep Tasmania's regulated power prices the lowest in the nation.
- Ensure policy and regulatory settings continue to offer affordable, reliable and clean energy.
- Power Tasmania's Future by driving new energy generation in Tasmania, including through pursuing the legislated 200% Renewable Energy Target and requiring Hydro Tasmania to partner with new variable renewable energy generators to bring on at least 500MW of new generation in Tasmania by 2030.
- Ensure the Marinus Link undersea cable continues to progress in Tasmania's interests to supercharge our renewable energy industries and unlock significant economic activity.
- Ensure the North West Transmission Developments are delivered by TasNetworks in a timely manner to support the commissioning of Marinus Link, including finalising land access, contemporary compensation and strategic benefit sharing arrangements.
- With the Minister for Planning and the Minister for Environment, streamline approvals processes for new energy projects in partnership with key stakeholder groups and support proponents navigate requirements through initiatives such as the Renewable Energy Approval Pathway.
- Develop a Renewable Energy Community Benefit Scheme to ensure new renewable projects share their benefits with host communities through an opt-in scheme.
- Maintain and enhance our parks across the State in line with the 2030 Visitor Strategy, including progressing the Next Iconic Walk.
- Work with grassroots sports organisations to increase participation in all regions of the State.

It is incumbent on every Minister to ensure that they are operating within their Budget allocations and to ensure their agencies are performing efficiently and productively.

I look forward to meeting with you regularly to assess progress in meeting these goals.

In addition to the above, I note that we have released our plan for the First 100 days of a re-elected Liberal Minority Government. I ask that we continue to drive delivery of these plans that provide the public with regular updates on our Government's achievements.

I expect a strong commitment from you to travel to every corner of our State, meeting people and stakeholders in each area of your responsibilities.

Notwithstanding the above, it is also very important to never forget the people who have enabled you to have the privilege of such responsibility, your electorate. Every effort must be made to remain committed and connected to your electorate and the people of Windermere.

My Office looks forward to collaborating with your team to ensure we collectively deliver on our Government's strategic objectives. Further, we would like to collectively reassess any areas within your responsibilities that may not be meeting our Government's strategic objectives so that our efforts can be focussed on meeting the above goals.

### **Governance and behavioural expectations**

As a Government, we commit to uphold the highest standards of public office and to act honestly, professionally and with accountability in the performance of our duties. Serving our State as a member of our Cabinet is both a privilege and a responsibility.

The attached documents are relevant to your Ministerial responsibilities. I urge you to familiarise yourself with these documents and your obligations and responsibilities contained therein:

1. Conflicts of Interest Declaration Form;
2. Code of Conduct for Ministers;
3. Code of Conduct for Ministers – Guidance Notes;
4. Code of Conduct for Ministers – Receipt and Giving of Gifts Policy; and
5. Tasmanian Government Lobbying Code of Conduct.

The Code of Conduct for Ministers requires each Minister to disclose to me as Premier any actual, potential or perceived conflicts of interest between their personal interests and their official duties. I would be grateful if you could provide your urgent advice in relation to the Ministerial portfolios listed above by completing and returning to me the attached declaration form (Attachment 1).

The Parliamentary (Disclosure of Interests) Act 1996 requires that all persons who become a Member lodge a Register of Interests. In addition, the relevant agencies in your portfolio will contact your office about delegating your functions and powers under section 24 of the Right to Information Act 2009 to officers in agencies.

The legislation you are required to administer in your portfolios and the Departments responsible to you for that administration are outlined in the Administrative Arrangements Order 2025 available at <https://www.legislation.tas.gov.au/>.

I look forward to working with you towards Tasmania as a place where everyone feels valued, included, encouraged and supported to be the best they can be. My team and I are here to support you and your office and can provide any assistance you may require in progressing toward our shared goals and objectives.

Congratulations again on your appointment, and I look forward to working with you to deliver for all Tasmanians.

Yours sincerely



Jeremy Rockliff MP  
**Premier**

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