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Mr Glen Hayhurst
President
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Dear Mr Hayhurst

Thank you for your letter dated 30 September 2022, regarding the Cradle Mountain Visitor Centre.

I am pleased to provide the following information in relation to your concerns regarding the status of the facilities available for visitors to the Cradle Mountain region:

- The Cradle Mountain Visitor Centre is the first stage of a wider Cradle Mountain Gateway Village Precinct, which is not yet fully developed;
- The development of the Gateway is based on the Cradle Mountain Visitor Experience Master Plan (the Master Plan), which outlines a vision for a world class visitor experience;
- The current café is an initial food and beverage offering only. The Tasmanian Government has committed up to \$5 million to assist with the development of the precinct site, including a new iconic building at the southern end of the site with amazing views of Cradle Mountain, that will be adjacent to and complement the existing visitor centre, and offer a range of other services across the remaining site; and
- The interpretation at the Gateway site forms only part of an overall interpretive experience that includes further interpretation at Dove Lake and other visitor nodes in the park. The Parks and Wildlife Service has adopted a dispersed model of interpretation for Cradle Mountain rather than concentrating the experience at one site or in one building.

To help fully realise the Master Plan vision, the Tasmanian Government, through a Request for Expression of Interest (REOI) process, has sought developers to help create the high-quality alpine village for the next stage of the Gateway Village Precinct.

The Tasmanian Government is currently progressing the REOI process with relevant parties.

There will be further stakeholder engagement and community consultation in relation to the delivery of the Master Plan projects. The Friends of Cradle Valley have been identified as key stakeholders and will be included in upcoming consultation and engagement activities.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact Natasha Stapleton, Cradle Mountain Project Manager Media and Communications on 0436 933 927 or at Natasha.Stapleton@cg.tas.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Guy Barnett', with a horizontal line above it.

Hon Guy Barnett MP
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