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Dear Mr Beech

Thank you for collating and providing information on the Principles of Effective Shorebird Management. I agree with the principles as you have outlined them and recognise the need for a collaborative and strategic approach that can tie together all of the measures that can be implemented to ensure the protection of shorebirds and their habitats.

In your submission you recommend a statewide beach nesting bird strategy. I support the development of this approach to the management of these species. An evidenced based strategy that can ensure that the conservation management of these species occurs consistently across tenures and relevant management authorities and that considers the full range of actions that can be implemented would provide a sound basis for future management and ensure proper consideration in the range of management decisions that could potentially impact these species. The strategy could also prioritise efforts in education, coordination and compliance which I agree are critical. Accordingly, I have requested the Department of Environment and Natural Resources Tasmania provide advice on the best way to commence the development of a strategy.

I understand you are actively involved as a member of the PWS Northern Region Shorebird Working Group and I would encourage you to continue providing input and achieving positive on ground outcomes on the East Coast and particularly within the Break O'Day municipality. I want to take this opportunity to thank you and the other volunteers you work with and acknowledge your commitment to this issue and the time and effort you have contributed. I recognise the frustration you have with observing persistent non-compliance and its impact and recognise that this needs to be addressed.

Regarding the Skyline Tier Restoration Project, the work of your Group is to be commended. As the area is leased State Forest, it is suggested that you approach New Forests to provide ongoing funding for restoration.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "R. Jaensch", written over the "Yours sincerely" text.

Hon Roger Jaensch MP
Minister for Parks