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Full Reopening of Mersey Forest Road

Driver access to the popular Walls of Jerusalem National Park has today been restored with the reopening of the Fish River Bridge on the Mersey Forest Road.

When floods devastated many Tasmanian communities last year, the Hodgman Liberal Government made clear our commitment to helping with the recovery.

We provided \$3.25 million to enable repairs on the Mersey Forest Road, which lost entire sections in the major rainfall and subsequent flooding event.

This is an important road that provides access to one of our most popular natural attractions.

Earlier this week I had the opportunity to inspect the major repair work already completed and witness the final phase of work on the Fish River Bridge.

Today, I am pleased to announce that the bridge has reopened, allowing direct vehicle access to the Walls of Jerusalem National Park main parking area and the remaining length of the Mersey Forest Road.

This is a truly magnificent area in our beautiful State and I thank all Tasmanians for their patience during the repairs.

I commend the Department of State Growth for its efforts in managing the work on behalf of Forestry Tasmania.