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Dear Mr Dellios

Thank you for your letter of 24 February 2025 regarding the Macquarie Point Multipurpose Stadium Integrated Assessment: Northern Access Road. This letter responds to the questions contained in Point 5 of your letter

5. We would be assisted if the Department could comment on, or respond to, the following matters:

(a) whether the Department is or will be responsible for the design and delivery of the Northern Access Road

The Department will be responsible for the design and delivery of the Northern Access Road

(b) the current status of the design and delivery of the Northern Access Road;

A consultant has been engaged to deliver the design of the Northern Access Road. They are currently undertaking a gap analysis of available site information and preparing a Basis of Design Report

(c) the expected status of the design and delivery of the Northern Access Road by 1 May 2025;

The expected progress of the design by 1 May 2025 is expected to be:

- Preliminary Design underway
- Supplementary site investigations underway

(d) whether the land required for the Northern Access Road is within public ownership and is or will be available to be developed for the purpose of the Northern Access Road;

The land required for the Northern Access Road currently falls under the jurisdiction of Macquarie Point Development Corporation, City of Hobart, TasPorts and TasRail. There is also a portion of Crown Land. The Northern Access Road project is currently seeking planning advice to determine the requirements for acquisition and/or transfer of any additional land from these Authorities.

(e) the current funding status of the Northern Access Road and funding sources. We understand that, based on the Department's submission to the TPC dated 24 October 2024 which is on the TPC's website, the Northern Access Road was unfunded at that time;

\$3M has been allocated for planning and design activities. The funding status for the delivery phase is yet to be determined.

- (f) *whether the Northern Access Road is intended to be proclaimed and vested under the Roads and Jetties Act 1935;*

It is yet to be determined whether the Northern Access Road will be vested under the Act however it is considered to be the most likely outcome at this stage.

- (g) *whether it is the Department's intention to secure any necessary permissions or authorisations for the Northern Access Road under the Resource Management and Planning System (specifically the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993; the Environmental Management and Pollution Control Act 1994; and the Historic Cultural Heritage Act 1995) separate to the assessment and approvals process for the Project under the State Policies and Projects Act 1993;*

We are yet to determine which approvals will be required. It is currently our understanding that all approvals for the Northern Access Road will be secured by the Department separately to the Project.

- (h) *whether the Department is aware of any apparent constraints on the design or delivery of the Northern Access Road;*

The Northern Access Road team is currently in the process of mapping out site constraints for the site. It is expected that there will be a number of site constraints to be accommodated in the design process. We also expect that approvals will likely be required to facilitate the delivery of the Northern Access Road. The Department is not aware of any constraints that would compromise the ability to deliver the Northern Access Road.

- (i) *whether the Northern Access Road will be designed and constructed to meet the requirements of both the Port and the Project; and*

The expected function and use of the Northern Access Road is varied and as such compromises will be necessary between the requirements of each function. The design and delivery of the Northern Access Road will be undertaken with the objective of finding the best solution to meet the requirements of all users including the Port and the Project.

- (j) *expected timeframes for the design, approval and delivery of the Northern Access Road.*

The expected timeframes are very broad at this point in time but the current timelines are for design and approvals to be completed by early 2026 and for construction to commence in mid-2026.

Please contact Ben Schaap, Project Manager Northern Access Road, by email at ben.schaap@stategrowth.tas.gov.au or telephone on 0400 067 113 for more information.

Yours sincerely



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Secretary
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