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Dear John

I write to advise that the Government has formed the view that the integrated assessment process under the *State Policies and Projects Act* is no longer the preferred approach for the Crown to secure approval for the Multipurpose Stadium proposed to be developed at Macquarie Point.

The Government considers that special purpose legislation represents a more expeditious and clearer path for approval for the Stadium and will introduce this legislation into the Parliament in early June 2025.

By way of update, the Department of Premier and Cabinet has been tasked with coordinating the input of all relevant State Government Agencies and statutory authorities in the preparation of this special purpose legislative package. The package comprises a draft bill, permit and conditions (with drafting led by an externally engaged planning expert), project scope and relevant supporting documents, and a Report to address all identified issues in the Panel's Draft Integrated Assessment Report and any further issues identified in formal representations (submitted by members of the public and organisations in the recent round of consultation conducted by the Commission).

My Department will ensure that the Commission is provided with all material developed to support Parliament's consideration of the project at the earliest opportunity, which I expect to be by early next week. I note that we will also release the draft package for public consultation.

Government recognises and appreciates the expertise and very substantial effort put into the integrated assessment process by the Commission, Macquarie Point Development Corporation on behalf of the Crown as the proposer of the Stadium and all those who have made representations to the integrated assessment process. This work will serve the Parliament well in its consideration of legislation brought before it, noting it has been reviewed in detail and directly referenced in the preparation of the legislative package.

Government also recognises that the next steps in the integrated assessment process will involve a significant effort for the Commission, Macquarie Point Development Corporation, representors and Government agencies concurrently with the Parliament's consideration of legislation for the Stadium and has determined that the Crown will cease to actively engage with the integrated assessment process and will instead prioritise its resources to support the Parliament's consideration of the enabling legislation.

Thank you again for the professionalism, expertise and substantial work of the Commission on this important project.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kathrine Morgan-Wicks', written in a cursive style.

Kathrine Morgan-Wicks PSM

Secretary and Head of the State Service

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