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Dear Premier

Preparation of Draft Guidelines - Stadium at Macquarie Point

I refer to your Direction of 16 October 2023 in relation to the Macquarie Point Stadium Project of State Significance (the project).

On receipt of the Direction, the Commission commenced work on draft guidelines to be followed in the preparation of reports to be presented to the Commission for the purposes of the integrated assessment of the project.

There are three matters on which the Commission seeks further information relevant to the preparation of the draft guidelines.

First the Commission would be assisted if a detailed description of the project could be provided. The Commission has noted, and has access to numerous publicly available documents related to the project. However, the Commission cannot make assumptions about the details of, and specifications for, the stadium that is proposed to be located in the Multipurpose Stadium and Associated Concourse Zone identified in Schedule 1 of Order declaring the stadium to be a project of state significance.

Second, the Commission notes that clause 2 of the Direction indicates that the integrated assessment is to specifically consider the extent to which the project is consistent with, and supports, the urban renewal of the Macquarie Point site as provided for in the Macquarie Point Precinct Plan prepared by the Macquarie Point Development Corporation (the Corporation).

The Commission notes from Minister Barnett's letter to the Chair of the Corporation of 9 May 2023, that the Precinct Plan is to be the site plan that the Corporation is to prepare in accordance with section 37 of the *Macquarie Point Corporation Act 2012* (the Act).

The Commission is aware that a draft of the Precinct Plan has been published. Further 'feedback' is currently being sought on the 'activation of the zones' proposed by the draft Precinct Plan, including feedback on the Multipurpose Stadium and Associated Concourse Zone, the location of the project. Feedback is sought by 26 November 2023. The Commission assumes that this 'feedback' process is for the purposes of section 37(2) of the Act and that the Minister has not yet approved the Precinct Plan in accordance with section 37(4) of the Act.

If the Commission assumption is correct, the Commission can only finalise draft guidelines for the project having regard to the content of the draft Precinct Plan. When the site plan (Precinct Plan) is approved, the Commission will consider whether any further action is required in relation to reports that must be prepared for the purposes of the integrated assessment.

Third, the Commission notes that the approved Project of State Significance Order refers to the Project of State Significance as a proposal by the Crown. Given that the project has now moved into the formal assessment stage, the Commission would appreciate your advice as to which Agency or Department of the Crown will be responsible for progressing the project. Knowledge of the Agency or Department responsible will facilitate formal communication processes with the Commission.

If your advice on the above matters could be provided at your earliest convenience, it will facilitate the Commission process of publicly exhibiting the draft guidelines for comment and then finalising the guidelines in accordance with the requirements of your Direction.

Finally I should advise, that in accordance with standard Commission practice, communications on all project and other Commission assessments, are published on the Commission website.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Ramsay', written in a cursive style.

John Ramsay
Executive Commissioner