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Dear Kath

**Integrated Assessment of the Macquarie Point Stadium
- Project of State Significance**

Tasmanian Planning Commission

Thank you for your letter of 21 May, advising of the Government's intention to seek approval for the Macquarie Point Multipurpose Stadium through a Bill to be presented to the Parliament for its consideration.

The Commission appreciates receiving formal advice of the Government's intentions. The Commission delegated Panel met on 22 May, and I have passed a copy of your letter to the Panel members.

It goes without stating that the Commission acknowledges the Parliament's authority to deal with the matter. Similarly the Commission acknowledges that in undertaking the integrated assessment of the stadium project, it is participating in a statutory process commenced with the authority of the Parliament. Notwithstanding the intention of the Government, the Commission is obliged to continue with the established statutory processes.

To that end, the Panel meeting on 22 May, reviewed the representations received on the draft Integrated Assessment Report to determine which of those representations should be the subject of a public hearing. The Panel also gave consideration to the indicative timetable for hearings that it had previously advised. That timetable is being reviewed in relation to the number of days allocated for hearings and whether earlier dates for hearings can be considered. Any changes will be publicly notified in accordance with usual Commission practice.

I note your advice that the Crown will cease to actively engage with the integrated assessment process and will prioritise its resources to support Parliament's consideration of the proposed legislation. The extent to which a project proponent participates in an integrated assessment process is a matter for a proponent.

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However the Commission is obliged to continue with its assessment until it provides its report to the Premier as required by s26(1) of the *State Policies and Projects Act 1993*, or Parliament revokes the Commission's authority to undertake the assessment. To that end, the Commission will continue with its assessment in light of all the information that is provided to it by the proponent, either voluntarily or at the request of the Commission.

In accordance with usual Commission practice, your letter and this response will be published on the Commission website.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Ramsay', with a stylized, flowing script.

John Ramsay
Executive Commissioner