

20 June 2025

Project of State Significance, Macquarie Point Multipurpose Stadium

Supplementary information for representation number 328 from Cricket Australia and Cricket Tasmania

Dear Chair

I write further to Cricket Australia (CA) and Cricket Tasmania's (CT) submission made in response to the Draft Integrated Assessment Report and outcomes of the Directions Hearing held on 10 June 2025, specifically the opportunity for further written evidence to support representations to be provided to the Tasmanian Planning Commission.

CA and CT's representation referred to continuing engagement with the Tasmanian Government about the proposed design of the stadium. CA and CT have entered into a Heads of Agreement with the Tasmanian Government which acknowledges that a suitable multipurpose all-weather roofed stadium presents a world leading opportunity to play the highest levels of cricket across all formats of the game uninterrupted. The Heads of Agreement reinforces the parties' combined commitment to identifying a stadium design that aligns with and delivers on playing, operational and broadcast requirements and provides a pathway for resolution of issues with the proposed roof design that have been identified as challenging for cricket.

CA and CT consider the Heads of Agreement to be relevant to the Commission's deliberations and therefore enclose a copy for consideration.

I trust this information is again received with the positive intent with which we continue to have for the project. Any questions about the submission can be directed to Brett Wood, Head of Government Relations, Cricket Australia (m: 0419 833 630; e: Brett.Wood@cricket.com.au) and Alison Turner, General Manager, Partnerships and Infrastructure, Cricket Tasmania (m: 0408 632 424; e: alison.turner@crickettas.com.au).

Yours sincerely



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Attachment A: Cricket Australia, Cricket Tasmania and Tasmanian Government Heads of Agreement

Cricket Australia, Cricket Tasmania and the Tasmanian Government

Heads of Agreement

Key Principles:

- The parties hereto, being Cricket Australia (CA), Cricket Tasmania (CT) and the Tasmanian Government agree to work together to progress and finalise the design, build and operation of a world class cricket facility at the Macquarie Point Multipurpose Stadium (Stadium).
- CA is the national governing body responsible for the game of cricket in Australia.
- CT is Tasmania's governing body responsible for promoting and developing the game of cricket in the State.
- Both organisations aspire to be users of the Stadium, CA for Australian men's and women's international matches and CT for domestic cricket, particularly to support Twenty20 cricket for the Hobart Hurricanes.
- The Tasmanian Government recognises CA and CT as important partners, together with the AFL, Arts and Events Industry in designing and operating a successful multipurpose Stadium for the benefit of Tasmania.
- The parties acknowledge that a suitable all-weather roofed stadium presents a world leading opportunity to play the highest levels of cricket across all formats of the game uninterrupted, with all parties committed to working together to identify a roof design that aligns with and delivers on playing, operational and broadcast requirements.
- All parties recognise the benefit and potential synergies of CT and its Tasmanian Tigers and Hobart Hurricanes teams, Tasmania JackJumpers and the Tasmania Football Club working together to attract and retain the best players, specialised sports marketing, sports science, sports medicine and sports administration workforce to support the operation of these professional codes in Tasmania and for the benefit of young Tasmanians.
- All parties are committed to achieving International Cricket Council accreditation for the Stadium.
- CA and CT acknowledge the Tasmania and AFL Club Funding and Development Agreement (2023) which requires, amongst other things, delivery of:
 - A 23,000 seat multi-purpose fixed translucent roof stadium at Macquarie Point in Hobart [Schedule 10, clause 1(a); and
 - a stadium which is a multi-use sporting and entertainment venue, used for a range of sporting events including AFL, Soccer, Cricket, Rugby Union/League, concerts, and cultural, convention and business events (capacity of up to 30,000 attendees for concerts) [Schedule 10, clause 1(b)(viii)].

- CA and CT agree to work together with the Tasmanian Government (represented by the Department of Premier and Cabinet, Department of State Growth, Macquarie Point Development Corporation and Stadiums Tasmania) to resolve to the satisfaction of all relevant parties the final design specifications for the Stadium roof.
- Discussions for the resolution and optimisation of the roof design will involve senior representatives from both CA and CT, with support from a highly experienced expert in stadia design, operation and management to execute an agreed test plan to determine a design to remove or mitigate (to the extent of similar Australian operating stadia), the impact of shadows moving across the field of play, in particular the cricket pitch block, to support a safe and acceptable playing, operational, including spectator viewing, and broadcast environment.
- All parties agree to work together to resolve to the satisfaction of all parties, any other design, build and operational elements required to support the highest levels of cricket content being played in the Stadium while maximising the financial returns generated by hosting this content including, but not restricted to ticketing, membership and premium product provision; drop-in pitches and turf growth and stadium orientation, with a view to ensuring the Stadium design optimises the assets and services for all users and minimises duplication and related costs.
- All parties will work together on a business case to present to the Australian Government for a high-performance training facility and turf management centre of excellence noting Tasmania's unique opportunity to lead on the science and specialised workforce development for cold climate turf management, for sporting stadia and leading internationally renowned golf courses.
- All parties will work together on the development of a transition plan for Ninja Stadium (Bellerive) to provide for:
 - the movement of traditional CA and CT content at Ninja Stadium to the Stadium from commencement,
 - CT to relocate to a new high-performance training facility and turf management centre of excellence on land it has purchased and
 - the future use of Ninja Stadium.
- The guiding principles for the design of international cricket venues are outlined in Appendix A.
- This document does not create any legal relationship between the parties and no legally enforceable rights or obligations arise in relation to the subject matter of this document. This document does not constitute an offer or commitment by the parties to enter into any agreement or transaction.

Signed for and on behalf of the State of Tasmania by



The Hon Jeremy Rockliff MP
Premier of Tasmania

Dated: 10 June 2025

Signed for and on behalf of Cricket Tasmania by



Dominic Baker
Chief Executive Officer

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