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Dear Commissioner

Please see attached letter in relation to the draft guidelines for the integrated assessment of the proposed Macquarie Point Multipurpose Stadium.

If the proponent or the Tasmanian Planning Commission require any further information, Will Temple-Smith, GM of Commercial & Business Development with Tas Gas Networks can be contacted on 0468 369 831 or will.temple-smith@tasgas.com.au.

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21 December 2023

John Ramsay
Executive Commissioner
Tasmanian Planning Commission
By email: tpc@planning.tas.gov.au



Dear Commissioner

Macquarie Point Multipurpose Stadium – Project of State Significance draft guidelines

Thank you for your invitation of 4 December 2023 to make comment on the draft guidelines for the integrated assessment of the proposed Macquarie Point Multipurpose Stadium.

Tas Gas Networks, as part of the Solstice Energy Group, has a limited but crucial role in the assessment of proposed developments in Tasmania as a pipeline licensee under *the Gas Industry Act 2019*, as developments in or around existing gas pipelines can risk impacting the safe operation of network infrastructure.

Accordingly, under the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1994*, planning authorities are obligated to involve gas infrastructure licensees in the planning assessment process and provide sufficient time and information for the licensee to advise on the application and any recommended conditions of approval, among other matters.

The existing planning provisions include Tas Gas Networks as a regulatory authority to which relevant planning applications may be referred for consideration as part of the planning assessment process. These provisions are specified for both development applications and major projects applications.

I note that the draft guidelines for the integrated assessment include reference to utility services at 9.3 and a requirement that sufficient consideration be given to existing utility infrastructure, supply and modification.

Given the existing gas pipeline is located in Evans Street, immediately adjacent to the site of the proposed development, and that the development could likely require network connection and augmentation, it is our expectation and requirement that Tas Gas Networks be regarded as a “relevant agency” and involved in the assessment process to provide input in relation to the gas network.

It is of critical importance that the safety and integrity of the existing gas infrastructure remain a key consideration in assessing this proposed development.

If the proponent or the Tasmanian Planning Commission require any further information, Will Temple-Smith, GM of Commercial and Business Development with Tas Gas Networks, is available to assist and can be contacted on 0468 369 831 or Will.Temple-Smith@tasgas.com.au

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Phaedra Deckart', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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