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Dear Mr Dellios

Macquarie Point Multipurpose Stadium Assessment

I refer to the Minter Ellison representation of 3 April last, on behalf of the Crown in Right of Tasmania, addressed to the Chair of the Macquarie Point Multipurpose Stadium Assessment Panel, Mr Paul Turner SC. Mr Turner has requested that I respond to your letter.

The Commission undertakes its assessment tasks in accordance with its legal obligations and responsibilities. In relation to the integrated assessment of the Macquarie Point Multipurpose Stadium, legal advice has been received and continues to be received from Mr Michael O'Farrell SC.

The Macquarie Point Development Corporation (MPDC) has been aware of the Commission's view of the scope of the assessment since the publication of the Guidelines, and its view was subsequently confirmed to the MPDC in my correspondence to the MPDC of 22 January last.

Notwithstanding assertions in your representation to the contrary, the Commission maintains the view that the scope of the assessment as reflected in the published Draft Integrated Assessment Report (DIAR) is concordant with the terms the *State Policies and Projects Act 1993* (the Act), the Order made by Her Excellency the Governor, and the Direction given by the Minister.

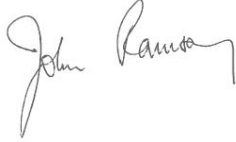
The practice of the Commission is not to make statements to the media about the conduct of its assessments. It is also not its practice to publish representations until after the closing date for submission of representations.

The Commission notes that while your letter has been forwarded to the Commission as a representation, the MPDC issued a media release on 3 April last in relation to your advice, which attached a copy of the representation.

In the circumstances, the Commission will depart from its usual practice and publish your representation and this response on its website.

The Commission looks forward to the MPDC making representations about the issues raised in the DIAR, so that the Commission, and all those who have an interest in the project, are fully informed about the relevant issues. This will enable the Commission to complete the final Integrated Assessment Report and make a recommendation to the Minister as required by the Act.

Yours faithfully

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

John Ramsay
Chairperson
Tasmanian Planning Commission