

TASMANIAN PLANNING COMMISSION

Project of State Significance - *State Policies and Projects Act 1993*

Macquarie Point Multipurpose Stadium Project

Assessment Stages Explained¹

Preliminary Note

The Government has publicly stated its intention to introduce a bill to the Tasmanian Parliament to seek approval for the Macquarie Point Multipurpose Stadium Project.

While no detail of the bill is available, the clearly stated intention is to remove assessment of the Stadium Project from the Projects of State Significance Process.

If the Parliament approves the bill, it is assumed that the current process will end. If that occurs, the latter stages of the current process will not proceed.

Public representations on the draft Integrated Assessment Report (draft IAR) may be made until 8 May.

Background

This note provides details on the next stages of the Tasmanian Planning Commission (the Commission) integrated assessment of the Macquarie Point Multipurpose Stadium Project.

The Commission has delegated its powers and functions to conduct the integrated assessment to a Panel (the Panel). The Panel has produced a draft IAR.

Brief profiles of the members of the Commission are at:

[Commissioners – Tasmanian Planning Commission website](#)

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[Macquarie Point Multipurpose Stadium Panel – Tasmanian Planning Commission website](#)

The draft IAR can be accessed at:

[Macquarie Point Multipurpose Stadium Draft Integrated Assessment Report 31 March 2025](#)

¹ The Commission has already published some information on the process – see Guidance on representations and hearings – https://www.planning.tas.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0007/769822/Guidance-on-process,-representations-and-hearings.PDF

Public Exhibition of the Draft Integrated Assessment Report – Representations

What is a representation?

A representation is simply a statement of a person's views or opinions in relation to the draft IAR. It could include statements or opinions concerning additional matters that should be considered in the assessment.

Views or opinions in a representation could be supported by data, reference to other documents, the opinions of experts. (see below in relation to the submission of expert evidence)

Time to Lodge a Representation - Deadline 8 May at midnight

The *State Policies and Projects Act 1993* (the Act) requires the draft IAR to be on public exhibition for a minimum of 28 days.

Exhibition of the draft IAR commenced on 31 March by public notice in the three Tasmanian daily newspapers, and the same notice was published on 5 April.

Representations may be lodged with the Commission until midnight on 8 May. The 8 May date is longer than 28 days from 31 March. It was selected to take account of the Easter period falling within the strict application of 28 days.

How to submit a Representation

The Commission website contains a form and instructions on how to lodge a representation.

Detail on how this is done is contained in the [FAQs](#) on the Commission's website.

Public Representations

All representations become public documents and are published on the Commission website. The Commission website contains information about publication, redaction of personal contact details and requirements for representors in relation to publication of information that is not their own.

This is explained in detail in the [FAQs](#) on the Commission's website.

Posting of Representations on the Commission Website

Representations will be posted on the Commission website shortly after the closure date for representations on 8 May.

Expert Evidence

The evidence of experts that is to be submitted to the Panel must follow the rules established by the Commission for that purpose.

Those rules are set out on the [Commission's website](#).

Consideration of Representations by Panel - May and June

Public representations on the draft IAR will continue as advised until 8 May.

An outcome of the consideration of the representations will be the identification of issues in respect of which the Panel will conduct a public hearing.

Directions Hearing - June - on a date to be advised

A Directions Hearing, is a hearing convened and conducted by the Chair of the Panel, to:

- set out the practice and procedure to be observed in the conduct of the public hearing
- identify key issues to be considered at the hearing
- identify those representors who will participate in the hearings
- outline an indicative timetable on when issues will be considered
- require the submission and exchange of any evidence sought to be put by a representor, including that from any witness.

The Directions Hearing will be held at The Old Woolstore Apartment Hotel, 1 Macquarie Street, Hobart on a date to be advised. Participation is in person or by MS Teams.

Further details will be available closer to the date of the Directions Hearing.

Public Hearings

Public hearings will be held before the full Panel commencing on 30 June.

The final details for the arrangements for the public hearings will be advised in June, when the Panel has full knowledge of the matters raised in the representations.

The current indicative arrangements for the hearings are:

- 30 June-25 July - The Old Woolstore Apartment Hotel, 1 Macquarie Street, Hobart and Grand Chancellor Hotel, 29 Cameron Street, Launceston
- Representors may participate in person, on MS Teams or via the phone, subject to the requirements of the Panel. Some representors may be invited to participate in person.
- Attendance to observe the public hearings will be limited by the available space, with priority being given to those representors participating in the hearing together with their professional advisers.
- The hearing will be live streamed via You Tube.

Finalisation of the Integrated Assessment Report

Following the completion of the hearings in August, the Panel will finalise its report.

Report to the Minister - 17 September

The Panel must submit the report to the Minister (the Premier) as to whether or not the project should proceed, and if so, on what conditions. The Report is due by 17 September 2025.

The Commission must publish notice of its report to the Minister in the Government Gazette and make the report publicly available. It will do that by posting it to its website.