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Claire Hynes
Acting Executive Commissioner
Tasmanian Planning Commission
By email: tpc@planning.tas.gov.au

Dear Ms Hynes,

Thank you for your correspondence dated 26 September 2024 outlining the Tasmanian Planning Commission's (the Commission) role in undertaking an integrated assessment of the Macquarie Point Multipurpose Stadium Project of State Significance (the project) under the State Policies and Projects Act 1993 (the Act).

Stadiums Tasmania, as the future owner and operator of the Macquarie Point Multipurpose Stadium and several other large-scale venues across Tasmania, unequivocally supports the development of an integrated multipurpose stadium on the Macquarie Point site.

Stadiums Tasmania believes the Macquarie Point multipurpose Stadium will provide generations of Tasmanians with a host of unprecedented opportunities through significant economic activity, jobs creation - including career pathways across a wide range of important industries for young Tasmanians - improved community health and wellbeing and a greater level of civic pride across the state.

We believe Tasmanians deserve the opportunity to experience world-class live events and entertainment without having to travel interstate or overseas. We also believe the multipurpose nature of this stadium will drive greater cultural and community-based outcomes for a diverse set of sectors within the broader Tasmanian community.

Given Stadiums Tasmania's expertise and experience in large-scale infrastructure projects of this nature in addition to venue management and event attraction and delivery, we have applied this expertise to the ongoing stadium development and design process.

Stadiums Tasmania continues to play a role in the current design process, representing the end users' needs and adding a stadium operational lens to design considerations. Indeed, Stadiums Tasmania undertook an exhaustive user brief development process as part of the initial project design phase, engaging key local and national stakeholders from the sporting, live events and entertainment, community and business events sectors.

We look forward to continuing to provide this level of expertise to resolve the remaining operational needs of Stadiums Tasmania and the various end users.

The Stadiums Tasmania Act 2022 stipulates the authority is to operate as a commercial entity and as such, we are focused on ensuring the Macquarie Point Multipurpose Stadium establishes a number of sustainable revenue streams for the State while meeting the needs of the wider Tasmanian community.

We note the Commission's request for Stadiums Tasmania's involvement in the consultation process to facilitate the Commission undertaking a thorough assessment of the project. Stadiums Tasmania welcomes the opportunity to participate in this consultation framework and is pleased to make ourselves available as part of this process. To this end, we have contacted Ben Ikin to make the necessary arrangements to participate in this process. We look forward to discussing this important project with the Commission and would be happy to provide any further information should it be required.

Yours sincerely,



James Avery
CEO
Stadiums Tasmania