

Aaron Wood

From: Brendon Gale [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 15 July 2025 10:35 AM
To: Aaron Wood
Cc: Joshua Dellios; Damian Gill
Subject: RE: Mac Point POSS Hearings | TPC Query to TFC [ME-ME.FID8127187]

My response provided below Aaron.

Regards

Brendon



Brendon Gale
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From: Aaron Wood <Aaron.Wood@minterellison.com>
Sent: Thursday, 10 July 2025 10:38 AM
To: Damian Gill [REDACTED]
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Subject: RE: Mac Point POSS Hearings | TPC Query to TFC [ME-ME.FID8127187]

Hi Damian

Can you please specifically confirm by reply email that the following investment amounts:

- \$93 million in game development – supporting and growing local footy; and
- \$33 million to develop young male and female talent in Tasmania,

are contingent on the Stadium proceeding in accordance with the requirements of Club Funding and Development Agreement dated 3 May 2023 (**Agreement**), which includes a requirement for the Stadium to be 'a 23,000 seat multi-purpose fixed translucent roof stadium at Macquarie Point in Hobart' (**Question 1**)? **YES**

Further, can you please specifically confirm by reply email that these investment amounts would not be funded by the AFL in any case (ie if the Stadium does not proceed in accordance with the Agreement) (**Question 2**)? **YES**

A simple 'Yes' or 'No' to both Questions 1 and 2 would suffice.

As you may be aware, we are currently in a public hearing concerning the integrated assessment of the Stadium. We would appreciate if you could please respond today if at all possible.

Kind regards

Aaron

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From: Damian Gill [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 9 July 2025 1:38 PM
To: Aaron Wood <Aaron.Wood@minterellison.com>; Brendon Gale [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Mac Point POSS Hearings | TPC Query to TFC [ME-ME.FID8127187]

Hi Aaron,

The investment amounts in game development and talent pathways were announced as part of the broader \$360 million AFL commitment to Tasmanian football, tied to the conditional granting of the 19th licence and the establishment of the Tasmania Football Club (TFC). The \$360 million of funding extends through the first decade of the TFC in the competition and includes funding for the Mac Point Stadium, training and administration facilities, game development, talent pathways, and club distributions.

As with the licence, the AFL funding package, is based on all conditions for the team being met, including the approval of a 23,000-seat roofed stadium based at Macquarie Point.

Regards,

Damian.

Damian Gill
Head of AFL Tasmania
Hobart, Tasmania
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Thanks Brendon

Damian, with regards to the following investment amounts identified in Brendon's initial response below:

- ...
- \$93 million in game development – supporting and growing local footy
 - \$33 million to develop young male and female talent in Tasmania
- ...

Can you please confirm whether the provision of these amounts is contingent on the Stadium proceeding as proposed and the establishment of the Tasmania Devils Football Club or whether they would be funded in any case.

Please let me know if you have any queries or issues.

Kind regards

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I've copied in Damien Gill who is the head of AFL Tasmania. He will be better placed to answer those questions?

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Thanks Brendon

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Aaron,

The \$18.6m represents the entire CLUB distribution from the AFL in our first year of competition. It will be comprised of: AFL Base Distribution + AFL Variable Distribution + AFLW Distribution + Establishment List Build Relief.

It will form part of a \$209m package of distributions provided to the club over the next 10 years.

For what it's worth, the breakdown of the AFL's total investment over the next 10 years is as follows:

- *\$15 million in the stadium in the arts and entertainment precinct*
- *\$10 million in the club's training and administration facility*
- ***\$93 million in game development – supporting and growing local footy***
- ***\$33 million to develop young male and female talent in Tasmania***
- *\$209 million in distributions to the club over the first 10 years.*

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From: Aaron Wood <Aaron.Wood@minterellison.com>

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Hi Brendon

During the course of the Public Hearings for the Macquarie Point Multipurpose Stadium Project of State Significance, the Panel raised a question with regards to your appearance, where you noted that the AFL would provide \$18.6 million to the Tasmania Devils Football Club.

The Panel queried whether that \$18.6 million was additional to previously identified commitments from the AFL to the Tasmania Devils Football Club. Accordingly, can you please clarify this?

In addition, it would be helpful if you can please confirm the various funding commitments from the AFL to the Tasmania Devils Football Club, including the purpose for which the funds will be used, how the funding has been committed, and when the commitment are proposed to be made.

Assuming you are comfortable, we intend to file this email and your response with the Tasmanian Planning Commission.

Please let me know if you have any queries.

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