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Dear Ms Beach

Macquarie Point Multipurpose Stadium - Project of State Significance Integrated assessment process

As you are aware, the Guidelines to be followed in preparing reports for the purposes of the Tasmanian Planning Commission's (the Commission) integrated assessment were published on 16 February 2024.

This letter outlines the process the Commission intends to follow in preparing the integrated assessment report (IAR) and making the recommendation to the Minister as required by section 26(1) of the *State Policies and Projects Act 1993* (the Act). The attached flowchart has been prepared as a summary of this process.

Stage 1 - Preparation of reports

The Commission invites the Macquarie Point Development Corporation (the Corporation) to submit to it reports which address the matters in the guidelines.

Prior to submitting such reports, the Corporation may liaise with staff of the Commission to the intent that relevant matters are addressed in the reports to be submitted (including suitable plans and descriptions).

The Corporation is also invited to deliver a written submission outlining its views on the merit of the project including how it furthers the objectives set out in Schedule 1 of the Act and how it is in accordance with State Policies.

It is desirable that the Corporation provide all the reports on which reliance is placed and any submission it wishes to make at one time¹.

Stage 2 - Views on project from Council and agencies

The Commission has resolved that it will commence the integrated assessment on receipt of all the reports.²

¹ See section 3 of Part 1 of the Guidelines.

² Observing that the Ministerial Direction, dated 16 October 2023 requires the report under section 26(1) to be provided to the Minister within 12 months of the reports being submitted to the Commission. The 12 months will commence when the Corporation confirms all reports have been submitted.

The Commission will be corresponding with the Hobart City Council and agencies, which, in the opinion of the Commission, have an interest in the project.

The Commission is required to notify the Hobart City Council and the agencies that an integrated assessment is being undertaken. The Commission will make the reports available to them and will seek submissions from them setting out their views in relation to the project. Such submissions should be in writing.

Stage 3 - Consultation with Council and agencies

The Commission is required to consult with the Hobart City Council and the agencies in relation to the preparation of the draft IAR³. To that end, the Commission intends to hold meetings with the Hobart City Council and the agencies as necessary, and including to clarify or explore matters raised in their submissions.

The Commission may seek specialist professional advice on matters it is addressing in preparing the draft IAR.

Following consideration of any advice the Commission may:

- hold further meetings with the City of Hobart and agencies as required; and will
- provide the Macquarie Point Development Corporation with an opportunity to respond.

The Commission will establish the procedures and communication protocols to apply at any meetings it has with the Hobart City Council, agencies and the Corporation to ensure there is transparency in the scope and outcomes of these meetings.

Stage 4 - Public exhibition of draft IAR

The Commission will prepare its draft IAR and publicly exhibit it as required by the Act⁴. Any submissions of the Hobart City Council and agencies will also be published.

Representations may be submitted by any person during the exhibition period of the draft IAR⁵.

The Commission must consider the representations⁶ and to do that the Commission may hold hearings in relation to the representations⁷.

The Corporation will be invited to participate in any such hearings.

Stage 5 - Final IAR and recommendation

Following the above, the Commission may modify the draft IAR and prepare a final IAR report.

After that, the Commission must submit a report to the Minister on whether or not the project should proceed, and if so on what conditions⁸.

This letter and any other correspondence the Executive Commissioner has with anyone concerning the project will be published on the Commission's website.

Further written advice and directions on timing and how the process will be managed will be provided as the process unfolds.

³ Section 22 of the Act

⁴ *ibid*

⁵ Being at least 28 days - see section 22(a) of the Act

⁶ Section 24(1)

⁷ Sections 24(2) & (3)

⁸ Section 26(1)

You are invited to meet with the Executive Commissioner and staff of the Commission to discuss matters associated with giving effect to the process outlined in this letter. The Commission will be in contact with you to arrange a meeting for this discussion.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Ramsay". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J' and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

John Ramsay
Executive Commissioner

Attachment: Flowchart - Assessment of projects of state significance - Macquarie Point Multi-Purpose Stadium