



PREMIER OF TASMANIA

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The Hon Anthony Albanese MP
Prime Minister of Australia
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Prime Minister *Anthony*

Re: Macquarie Point Arts, Entertainment & Sporting Precinct

Thank you for our discussion regarding the proposed Macquarie Point Arts, Entertainment & Sporting Precinct.

I truly believe we have a once in a generational opportunity to deliver a transformational infrastructure project that will unlock economic activity and invigorate a sense of community and pride, delivering flow on benefits right across Tasmania.

We have been on a cultural journey to redefine the priorities of Hobart's waterfront over many years, to utilise existing assets more effectively, and encourage inclusive, healthy and productive lifestyles.

To seamlessly connect Hobart's waterfront, Macquarie Point's potential needs to be fully realised.

Macquarie Point as an arts, entertainment and sporting precinct, featuring a roofed stadium would become a global destination for events based on location and experience.

It will allow Tasmania to compete for events, conferences and sporting fixtures that at the moment, do not consider Tasmania as an option.

Events that bring jobs, economic activity and visitors to Tasmania and allow us to build the image of our State as a clean, sustainable destination that is leading the way in Australia.

A critical infrastructure project that provides an imaginative solution for Tasmania – like what MONA did in providing Australians and people from across the world with a reason to come here, to stay here, to spend here and to taste everything that is good about Tasmania and Australia – from our food and wine, to our wilderness and tourist attractions.

A critical infrastructure project that delivers jobs for our construction workers but also allows Tasmanians to build greater expertise in the events industry, the conference industry and to drive more traffic into our hotels, our restaurants, bars and cafes, generating revenue that makes Tasmania stronger.

One that is an economic game-changer, providing greater economic stimulus that can help to build schools, hospitals, roads, social housing and to invest in the next big infrastructure project.

This project will be a key enabler to open up the transport corridors and the housing opportunities, which not only provide for those that need it, but connect communities and make Tasmania a better place.

Importantly, this is an infrastructure project that levels the playing field with other states and allows us to compete – really compete on an international level - for major concerts, sporting events, conferences and cultural exhibitions that Tasmanians normally need to jump on a plane and fly out of the state to have the opportunity to experience. Or in the worst case, move interstate to experience.

And an infrastructure project that delivers an AFL and AFLW team - a team that unites Tasmanians, provides benefits that flow to the north, north-west and south of the state and gives Tasmanians the opportunity to represent their State in a national competition that allows us to promote the best Tasmania has to offer – to the mainland and to the world.

Critics said no when MONA was proposed. Critics said no when the Tasmanian waterfront was redeveloped last decade, which now houses internationally rated hotels, restaurants and bars that attract people from around the world.

Critics have said no to a new arts, entertainment and sporting precinct that will – again – deliver jobs, tourism and economic activity that helps to build Tasmania as the place to live, work, play and visit. But each has been an important project that has made Tasmania better.

The precinct will be developed in a way that is sympathetic to Hobart's maritime heritage, that showcases Tasmania's culture and boutique crafts, and is emblematic as the gateway to the Antarctic and Southern Ocean.

The precinct can host the stadium, while benefitting the proposed science and Antarctic precinct, hospitality venues and convention facilities, with scope also to incorporate the proposed reconciliation park in liaison with the Tasmanian Aboriginal community.

There is, we believe, something special about a maritime and Antarctic focused precinct in the heart of a city which has learned to embrace and capitalise on winter through events such as Dark MOFO.

Macquarie Point, thanks to the partnership with the Federal Government, has undergone significant clean up and remediation in readiness for development. It is a prime location for this precinct, underpinned by feasibility studies and cost benefit analysis.

The proposed arts, entertainment and sports precinct will be an iconic urban renewal project, further reconnecting Hobart with its historic waterfront.

I enclose a copy of the business case, with supporting documentation and look forward to ongoing positive discussions.

Yours sincerely

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