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**MACQUARIE POINT (HOBART) ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT AND SPORTING PRECINCT
STADIUM PROPOSAL****Prime Minister, we recommend you:**

1. Sign the draft reply to the Hon Jeremy Rockliff MP, Premier of Tasmania, regarding the proposed Macquarie Point Arts, Entertainment and Sporting Precinct in Hobart (Attachment A).

Agreed / Not Agreed

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ANTHONY ALBANESE

Date:

25/1/23

Comments:

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KEY POINTS

1. The Hon Jeremy Rockliff MP, Premier of Tasmania, wrote to you on 9 December 2022 regarding the proposed multipurpose Macquarie Point, Arts, Entertainment & Sporting Precinct (the Precinct) (Attachment B, with Summary Brochure and Strategic Business Case at Attachments C).
 - a. The Tasmanian Government has committed \$375 million to the Precinct. While the Premier's letter does not explicitly seek Commonwealth funding, the business case includes a \$240 million Commonwealth funding request over three years from 2026-27 to support creation of the Precinct.
2. We recommend you refer the Premier's letter and business case to the Hon Catherine King MP, Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, and the Hon Anika Wells MP, Minister for Sport, (the Ministers) for their consideration.

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3. Your draft reply letter to the Premier (Attachment A) confirms that the Government will look at the business case and consider any role for the Commonwealth.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

1. The Precinct is estimated to generate \$2.2 billion of economic activity over 25 years. The stadium developed as part of the Precinct would be able to host AFL men's and women's teams and allow Tasmania to bid internationally on major events. Further detail is provided in the Premier's attachments.
2. Existing proposals and commitments including the Antarctic and Science Precinct at Macquarie Point and First Nations' reconciliation park are proposed to be incorporated in the Precinct.
3. The Commonwealth Government has previously provided funding of \$100 million for a stadium in Townsville (Queensland is contributing \$140 million), as part of the Townsville City Deal. The Government is also negotiating a contribution to venue infrastructure for the 2032 Brisbane Olympic and Paralympic Games s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Media coverage indicates the Precinct has been the focus of a range of stakeholder concerns, including from federal members and senators, the Tasmanian opposition, and the Tasmanian community. Concerns include whether proposed funds should be directed to other critical issues in Tasmania such as affordable housing, as well as the impact of the Precinct on earlier proposals for a First Nations' reconciliation park at the site.

Tasmania is seeking a licence for AFL men's and women's teams. The AFL has stated the licence is contingent on the development of a new stadium in Hobart.

Financial Implications

Nil at this stage. Tasmania is seeking a \$240 million Commonwealth contribution towards the Precinct, which is estimated to cost \$715 million. Remaining funding is proposed to be provided by the Tasmanian Government (\$375 million), as well as from the AFL and sourced through borrowings against land sale or lease.

Consultation

Comm-State, SPD, II&E, Fiscal, Cabinet Division, DITRDCA, Office for Sport.

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ATTACHMENTS:

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ATTACHMENT B INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

ATTACHMENT C SUMMARY BROCHURE AND STRATEGIC BUSINESS CASE

ATTACHMENT C1 MACQUARIE POINT STADIUM – VISION DOCUMENT

ATTACHMENT C2 PWC HOBART STADIUM ECONOMIC IMPACT

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ATTACHMENT C5 PWC MACQUARIE POINT COMMERCIAL ANALYSIS

ATTACHMENT C6 MI HOBART STADIUM CAPACITY OPTIMISATION ANALYSIS

ATTACHMENT C7 MI HOBART STADIUM COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS




PRIME MINISTER
The Hon Anthony Albanese MP

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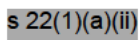
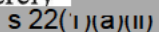
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Dear Premier

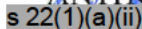

Thank you for your letter dated 9 December 2022 regarding the Macquarie Point Arts, Entertainment and Sporting Precinct (the Precinct), and for providing a copy of the business case and supporting documentation. Thank you also for our discussion of this matter.

My Government will consider your proposal documents, including your suggested role for the Commonwealth in the proposed development of the Precinct.

Accordingly, as your proposal falls within the responsibility of the Hon Catherine King MP, Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, and the Hon Anika Wells MP, Minister for Sport, I have provided a copy of our correspondence and your proposal documents to them for further consideration.

Yours sincerely 



ANTHONY ALBANESE





. 9 DEC 2022

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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Jeremy Rockliff MP
Premier

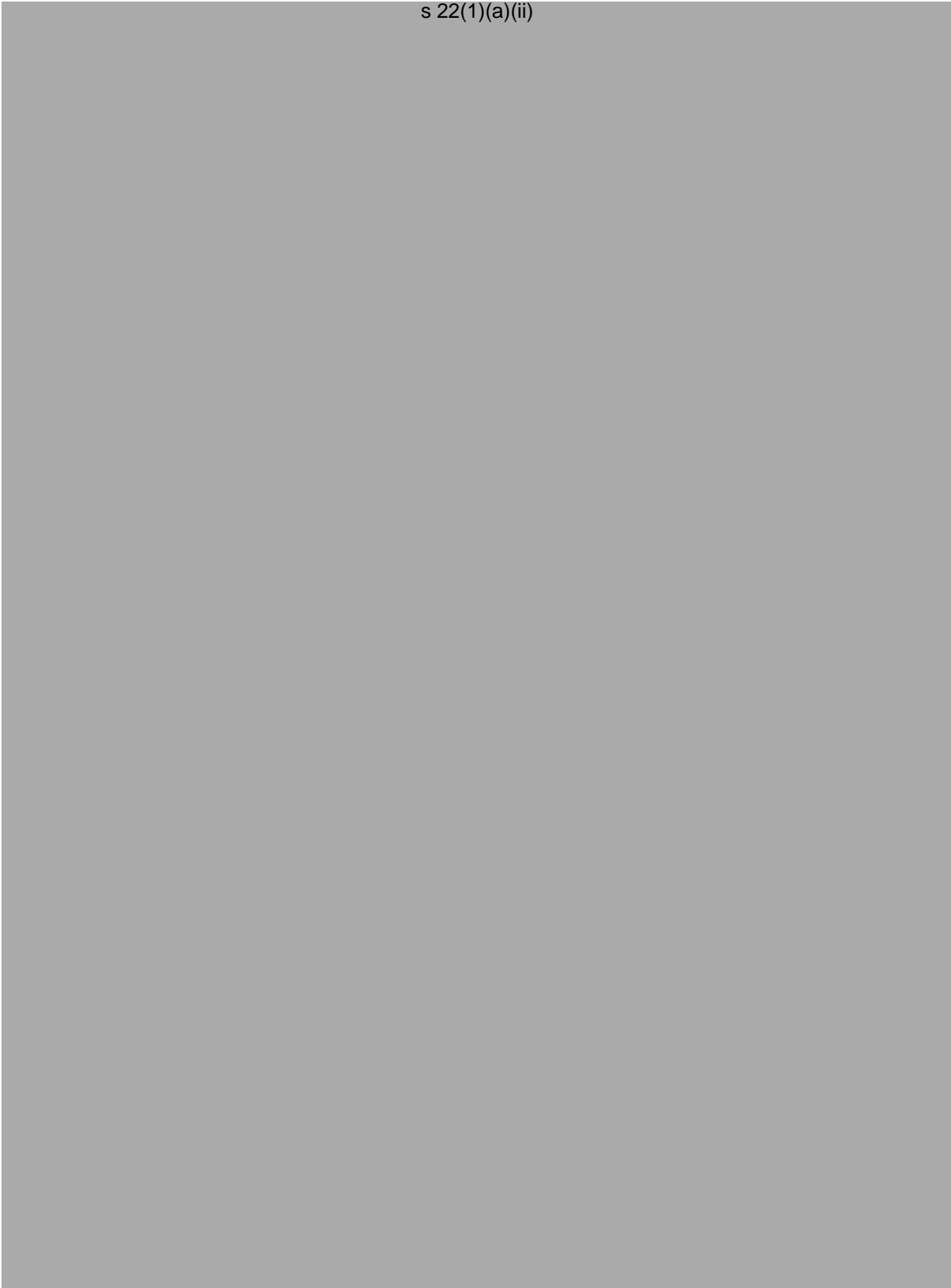
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TOPIC – BUDGET INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS

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1. Budget Infrastructure Investments, including Regional Australia and NAIF	<i>To be filled in by coordinator</i>

Key Points

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If asked about Hobart stadium

- The Prime Minister received a letter from the Premier of Tasmania on 9 December 2022 about the proposed Macquarie Point Arts, Entertainment and Sporting Precinct (Hobart Stadium). The letter included a business case.
- Any request for Australian Government funding would need to be considered based on its merits through the usual project assessment and federal budgetary processes.

- DITRDCA is examining the business case. Further questions should be directed to DITRDCA.

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