Stadium Guidelines – Key Points for Submissions

With the Liberals and Labor voting together to progress the Mac Point stadium to the planning stage, an assessment process is now underway.

Step one is for the Tasmanian Planning Commission to develop 'guidelines' for the proponent (the Rockliff Government) to address. These guidelines will play a crucial role in how the stadium is assessed - and will therefore influence the likelihood of it being built.

Given how important these guidelines are, we're asking for as many people as possible to make submissions calling for them to be strengthened.

We've analysed the guidelines already and the key points that we believe need to be made are below. Expand on them, pick out those most important to you, or send them in as written to the Tasmanian Planning Commission at tpc@planning.tas.gov.au.

The deadline for submissions is 8 January 2024.

Key points for your submission to help make the Draft Guidelines more robust include:

- A Mac Point Precinct Plan, as referenced in the draft guidelines, is still in development, and did not exist at the time of the Ministerial Direction or at the time of publication of the draft guidelines
- The proponent should specifically report against the extent to which the proposed project is consistent with all elements of all current relevant planning documents for the site, including:
 - The Sullivans Cove Planning Scheme 1997
 - o The Macquarie Point Site Development Plan
 - o Macquarie Point Reset Masterplan 2017-2030
- The Commission should assess the project against compliance with prescriptions in these planning documents.
- The Aboriginal Heritage Act (1975) is acknowledged as deficient and is currently under review. Projects of this scale and significance should not be assessed until that process has been completed.
- Consultants engaged by the proponent should not have existing government contracts and questionable consultants like Price Waterhouse Coopers should be excluded.
- An independently verified report detailing the full, updated cost estimate of the project should be provided.
- The proposed source of the funding should be detailed.
- A report prepared under 'Site description, features and context', should include:
 - o future flood modelling, taking into account sea level rise;

- details on remaining site contamination issues including proposed treatments, if any.
- A detailed independent visual impact assessment must be provided, with impacts from a variety of viewpoints modeled, including, but not limited to:
 - The Tasman Bridge;
 - The Derwent River;
 - The Cenotaph;
 - Various locations within Sullivans Cove;
 - kunanyi/Mt Wellington.
- Details and plans of any proposed cut and fill should include proposed building footings.
- A cost-benefit analysis should detail:
 - The full financial cost of the project;
 - The opportunity cost of not using the site in accordance with the previously agreed and finalised development management plan;
 - The cost associated with paying out commercial contracts entered into in line with the previously agreed and finalised management plan;
- A social and cultural analysis report should:
 - Consider the recruitment and accommodation of the construction workforce required to deliver the project and the impacts on housing availability across the construction period;
 - The perspective of the Tasmanian Aboriginal community and the effective abandonment of a Truth and Reconciliation Park;
 - The impact of the development on the built cultural heritage values of the Sullivans Cove precinct.
- Reports examining the urban form of Sullivans Cove should also analyse the
 effect of any impacts form the proposed project on the existing cultural heritage
 values of the Cove.
- Mass transport and public transport analysis should only consider those aspects
 of public transport that are existing, or formally form part of this proposal, as
 there are no guarantees other mass transport proposals that have been mooted
 will eventuate.
- Traffic and transport analysis must detail congestion issues on adjacent roads, including the approach to Davey Street and Davey Street itself.
- Noise impact assessment must consider the activities of adjacent businesses and residences and the likely impact of all aspects of the operation of the project on neighbours, including construction and operation.