

## **Heads of Agreement**

### **Cricket Tasmania and the Tasmanian Government**

- Cricket Tasmania (CT) is Tasmania's governing body responsible for promoting and developing the game of cricket in Tasmania.
- The Tasmanian Government provides annual operating support to CT for the promotion and development of grassroots, pathway and elite cricket in Tasmania.
- The parties, together with Cricket Australia (CA), previously entered into a Heads of Agreement dated 10 June 2025 (First HoA), agreeing to work together to progress and finalise the design, build and operation of a world class cricket facility at the Macquarie Point Multipurpose Stadium (the new Stadium).
- The Tasmanian Government continues to recognise CT and CA as critical partners, together with the AFL and the arts and events industries, in designing and operating the new stadium for the benefit of Tasmania.
- The parties acknowledge the significant work that has been completed to date, and is ongoing, pursuant to the First HoA – providing confidence that there are solutions available to address concerns relating to the new Stadium's roof design and the potential for shadowing to impact play.
- As such, the Tasmanian Government and CT (the parties) now agree to enter into this Heads of Agreement (Second HoA) to commit together to: the transition of cricket from Ninja Stadium to the new Stadium; to support the establishment of drop in pitches required for the operation of the new Stadium; and to further foster and grow participation in and engagement with cricket in Tasmania.

### **Key Commitments:**

- The Tasmanian Government will provide operating and transition support to CT, increasing from the current rate of \$3.5m per annum in 2025-26 to \$5m by 2028-29, through annual increments of at least \$0.5m during that period from 2026-27.

This funding will support CT to plan and transition to the new Stadium and new High-Performance Centre, Community and Cricket Academy at Seven Mile Beach and further increase CT's investment in grassroots and community, pathways and elite participation across all forms of the game.

- CT will transfer and enable the fixturing of all elite-level cricket content in Tasmania, including T20 Big Bash home matches, and work closely with CA to transfer international Test, One Day and T20 Matches planned to be played in Tasmania, to the new Stadium once operational.

- The parties commit to prioritising the planning, design and securing of development approvals for a Turf Management Centre of Excellence, new Cricket Tasmania High-Performance Centre, and Community and Cricket Academy at Seven Mile Beach on land purchased by CT, specifically:
  - The parties commit to each providing \$250,000 in seed funding to commence planning and design work in 2025-26. The Tasmanian Government will also provide in-kind support for planning and design, including facilitating any necessary planning and regulatory approvals, through identified expert resources in the Department of State Growth and the Department of Premier and Cabinet.
  - The Tasmanian Government will provide, through the 2026-27 budget process, an additional \$2.25 million, with matched funding of \$2.5 million to be sought from the Australian Government.
  - The parties agree to collaborate in their engagement with the Australian Government to advance this project, noting that Commonwealth investment will be required to proceed.
  - CT, noting the lead time required for the establishment of turf pitches, commits to prioritise the development of the drop-in pitches required for the operation of the new Stadium to ensure their availability for commissioning of the Stadium.
- Once elite cricket content moves to the new Stadium, the Tasmanian Government will review its annual operating funding commitment to CT to ensure that CT can continue to reasonably train and operate at Ninja Stadium until the new Centre at Seven Mile Beach is complete, or responsibility for the management of Ninja Stadium is transferred to Stadiums Tasmania.
- The Tasmanian Government (including Stadiums Tasmania) commits to jointly developing a detailed plan with CT for its exit from Ninja Stadium including:
  - an initial roadmap for this transition plan by June 2026,
  - a stakeholder engagement plan, which will be publicly released in the first half of 2026.

This work will appropriately recognise CT's stewardship of Ninja Stadium and Australian Cricket's investment and financial commitment to what has been Tasmania's premier elite sporting venue for many years.

- CT will commence negotiations with Stadiums Tasmania on ground occupancy agreements for its venues.

- As key end users of the new Stadium, CT and CA will be included in key governance groups for the new Stadium.

#### Legal Status of Agreement

- This document does not create any legal relationship between the parties and no legally enforceable rights or obligations arise in relation to the subject matter of this document. This document does not constitute an offer or commitment by the parties to enter into any agreement or transaction.
- All future funding commitments outlined in the Heads of Agreement are subject to the approval of the relevant appropriation by Parliament.
- This Second HoA builds on the First HoA, however this agreement prevails to the extent of any inconsistencies.

**Signed** *for and on behalf of the State of Tasmania by*



**The Hon Jeremy Rockliff MP**  
Premier of Tasmania

Dated: 23 November 2025



**The Hon Nick Duigan MP**  
Minister for Sport

Dated: 23 November 2025

**Signed** *for and on behalf of Cricket Tasmania by*



**Tim Scott**  
Chair

Dated: 23 November 2025



**Dominic Baker** Chief  
Executive Officer

Dated: 23 November 2025

