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## **BUGGER THE FACTS – Just do it!**

An overwhelming majority of Tasmanians believe the heartland of AFL resides in the north, and the shared \$130 million upgrade to York Park (Launceston) is, in itself, proportionally more than any other state has outlaid to secure a national team. No one, least of all the man whose political existence is so deeply dependant on building his vanity project at any cost, can be trusted to act in Tasmania's best interests.

This evasive, hand-clasping AFL-puppet, who has publicly drawn-and-quartered every commissioned messenger delivering the truth on his blank-cheque shrine, now has the dictatorial audacity to pressure every Upper House MP to deny proper scrutiny of the AFL's extortionary mandate to expand its gaming empire.

## The Devils' Playground

By the closing date of May 8, 2025, the Tasmanian Planning Commission (TPC) received 862 public representations, 85% of which oppose a stadium at Mac Point.

Shown below are the latest height surveys in relation to an existing survey monument confirming the deception of the MPDC architect's images and revealing the true height of the stadium's dominance over the Hunter Street and Sullivans Cove precinct. The weight of public outrage contained within these TPC representations, including exhaustive polling, are precisely the reason the Premier wants his special (emergency) legislation rubber-stamped by the Legislative Council.

Tasmanians can be sure, if the outcome of the ultimatum forced on the LegCo Upper House members is not passed, our honourable Premier will revert to ramping up the pressure in the Lower House (with spineless Labor backing) and elsewhere to find another Hell's Gate passage for the Devils' Playground – this is Rockliff's fervent obsession. The \$130+million York Park investment is more than any reasonable Tasmanian would expect their state to commit in exchange for a paper-licence to play just one of the many nationwide games we already play.

Wake up Labor! Wake up Tasmania!

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