

The Deal Is Simple – No Stadium, No Team

The business case submitted to the AFL has made it crystal clear: without a new stadium, there's no license for the Tasmanian AFL team (p. 6). That stadium must be “fit for purpose, at Macquarie Point, and built in time for our team to join the league.”

This legislation gets things moving. It's focused only on this stadium and this site—it doesn't give the government free rein to do what it likes (p. 10).

It Means Local Jobs—Thousands of Them

The stadium is expected to **create over 4,000 full-time equivalent jobs** during construction and pump over **\$300 million into Tasmania's economy** (p. 8). That's not a guess—that's based on Deloitte Access Economics modelling.

Once built, it will keep delivering with long-term jobs in tourism, entertainment, food, and maintenance.

It Fixes a Dead Patch of Land

Macquarie Point has sat empty for decades. This legislation allows the Macquarie Point Development Corporation (MPDC) to deliver the stadium as part of a precinct plan already approved by Infrastructure Tasmania and aligned with the Urban Renewal Strategy (p. 12).

We're not building over anything precious. We're **turning wasted space into a working, buzzing part of the city**.

Protections Stay in Place – No Back Doors

Despite some chatter, the legislation **doesn't override the Aboriginal Heritage Act 1975**, nor does it remove key environmental protections (p. 13–14). MPDC still has to comply with existing laws, including Aboriginal site assessments and environmental pollution controls.

The law simply **makes approvals faster and more coordinated**, so the project isn't bogged down by duplicative processes.

This Stadium Isn't Just for Footy

It's being built to be **multi-purpose**—concerts, local sport, school events, community gatherings (p. 7). It's designed with everyone in mind, not just footy fans.

It's infrastructure that **puts Tasmania on the national map**—a venue that draws in tourists and major acts we normally miss out on.

Final Word

This isn't about politics. It's about **jobs, pride, and opportunity**. The legislation gives Tasmania a fighting chance to deliver the stadium on time, protect what matters, and finally join the big league.

“The new planning process is limited to this site, this stadium, and includes clear public oversight” (p. 11).

Let’s stop waiting around. Let’s build it—**and leave a legacy we can be proud of.**

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