

On Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> May Minister Abetz was photographed on page 5 of The Hobart Mercury, with Simon Behrakis and Anne Beach, CEO of the Macquarie Point Development CORPORATION. He appeared to be at a press conference, holding a related document in his hand on behalf of the Rockliff Liberal MINORITY Tasmanian State Government.

Minister Abetz said that, in drafting the legislation, the government had taken into account “concerns” raised in an interim report by the Tasmanian Planning Commission, ignoring that those “concerns” are part of the *“now-abandoned Project of State Significance process”* !

The Public Accounts Committee (PAC) was reported to be reaffirming Tasmania's commitment to establish an AFL team, the the hope that the Macquarie Point Planning Permit Bill 2025 would issue a conditional permit for the proposed stadium.

I am appalled that, in the MIDDLE of a three-week public consultation period, press conference, appeared to have abandoned proper process ALTOGETHER ! The public had been promised a process advertised to close on June 16<sup>th</sup> 2025. WHY is Minister Abetz making statement at a press conference PROIR to the closing of the PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS into a Macquarie Point Planning Permit Bill (2025) ? .... and **where was Premier Rockliff ?**

On page 4 as part of the same article, a PAC report was quoted as stressing “that public trust and long-term viability **depend on** TRANSPARENT GOVERNANCE, REALISTIC COSTING, and ACCOUNTABLE DELIVERY”. Yet it appeared to readers that the **Macquarie Point Planning Permit Bill 2025 Consultation** was ALREADY ABORTED !

Therefore I AGREE with **THIS** following COMMUNITY Consultation Response, expressed in the following TRANSPARENT statements:-

The current Rockliff Liberal MINORITY Tasmanian State Government has:

- **No integrity of process**
- **No mandate**
- **No social licence**
- **No final plans**
- **No final or reliable costings**

Must instead restore our abysmal state budget blowout and ABANDON:

- **The Macquarie Point Planning Permit Bill 2025** plus
- **Any further attempt by parliament to act as a planning authority**

to satisfy Tasmanian and Commonwealth taxpayers that there will be

- **No blank cheque** and
- **No Macquarie Point STADIUM** - multiple use or otherwise !

This is the wrong time – the wrong place – the wrong reason for building new stadium and DEFINITELY the wrong PROCESS.