

# Macquarie Point Multipurpose Stadium

## Summary of observations

The Macquarie Point Multipurpose Stadium was the vision of the 2019 AFL Team Taskforce. It was identified as the missing foundation that would ensure a Tasmanian AFL team – the dream of generations – could be realised and would be sustainable.

An enormous amount of work has gone into the design of a stadium that is uniquely Tasmanian and is suitable for the Macquarie Point site. Its dome roof maximises the activation of the space and minimises its visual impact.

The industrial finishes link it firmly to the heritage of the space, while presenting a new vision for the city and the State.

The Commission's assessment of the Macquarie Point stadium as a Project of State Significance was valuable in focusing expert attention across Government to those issues that need to be addressed. This process has helped identify the necessary conditions for the Project's successful construction and long-term operation.

This report consolidates the key issues raised in the Commission's draft IAR with the proposed actions and mitigations from the Macquarie Point stadium team. It presents a project that is well prepared and ready for Parliamentary consideration.

The Macquarie Point Multipurpose Stadium is a catalyst for decades of urban renewal, injecting vitality into Hobart and driving economic growth through tourism, hospitality, and the high-value national and international conference market.

Designed to be iconic and highly accessible, the stadium will become a landmark destination. Like Adelaide Oval, it will draw crowds on foot from across the city, energising local bars, restaurants, and small businesses before and after events.

Its scale and visibility will make a bold statement. While some may initially find its prominence challenging, for many it will symbolise progress, community activation and a new vision for Macquarie Point – one grounded in inclusion and shared experience.

The report confirms there are no critical barriers to the stadium's construction or operation. The site can accommodate the development, and viable plans can be developed to manage aspects such as traffic, pedestrian flow and emergencies. While further work is needed to refine these plans, nothing fundamentally undermines the proposal.

Ultimately, like any planning decisions, this is a choice. The stadium will impact on the operation of the Port of Hobart, but this can be managed. The stadium will be visible over the Hunter Street heritage streetscape. The operation of the stadium will need to respect the cherished commemorative value of the Cenotaph. What this report shows, however, is that this is a legitimate choice. The stadium can be fully realised and be a positive opportunity for Tasmania.

The draft Bill, Permit and Conditions and this report are currently released for consultation. A more detailed summary of observations will follow after public submissions have been received.

