

The following has been released in relation to a request for information relating to the high performance training facility.

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Tasmanian AFL team Centre of Excellence

Following several months of work, the Tasmanian Government has formulated a shortlist of sites and facility requirements to enable the development of a Tasmanian AFL team Centre of Excellence, to support AFL teams to be based in Hobart.

The Government considers that a Centre of Excellence is more than just a place for players to prepare, and administrators to manage. More importantly:

- it represents a symbol of the club's ambitions and values;
- it can mean the difference between failure and success; and
- it can be the difference in the club attracting the best players, coaches and administrators.

These principles are inherent in the proposed plans for the facility, which has been designed to sit within the "upper quartile" of facility standards within the AFL and consider any unique requirements (such as climate, ability for grass to sustain hours of use, facilities required to fast track culture and teamwork within a new club) that may be needed within the Tasmanian market.

Leading stadia and sports facility advisory firm, Waypoint, were engaged and considered a total of 13 sites for the development of the AFL team Centre of Excellence. Using both a qualitative and quantitative site assessment approach, four sites were identified as preferred sites for the facility,

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Waypoint's work included key liaison with Government, as well as stakeholder consultation with:

- Tasmanian AFL Taskforce;
- AFL; and
- three CEOs of elite sports clubs that have been established, from new, to seek guidance as to the lessons learnt from a facilities perspective during the establishment of the clubs they led at the time.

Working within a project budget of \$50m, the facility master plans have been staged to ensure the core facility requirements can be delivered, while maintaining flexibility to deliver the remaining scope when additional funding becomes available. A summary of the recommended staged project delivery scope is as follows.

Stage 1

- Centre of Excellence with best practice high-performance facilities for AFL and AFLW programs
- Administration facilities
- 1 oval (dimensions 160 m x 141 m – same dimensions as the MCG)
- Terraced seating
- Car parking (155 spaces)

Stage 2

- Indoor training field (circa 60 m x 30 m)
- Additional training space

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- Additional car parking (45 spaces)

Out of scope

The assumed timeframes for project delivery that have been allowed for with regards to cost escalation are as follows:

- Site negotiations, design and planning approvals phase from October 2022 to December 2023

- Construction phase from January 2024 to mid-2025 (18 months duration)

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As you are aware the Government is providing funding of \$50 million to assist in the establishment of the team's operations and as a critical priority to construct a centre of excellence for use by the team.

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Confidentiality required:

Please note that this information is provided to the AFL on a strictly confidential basis to support the provision of advice to the Commission and potentially Club Presidents to assist the process of granting Tasmania an AFL licence.

Detailed discussions are yet to commence with landowners and stakeholders associated with the preferred sites and it would not be appropriate for any details to be publicly announced or released to the media until a mutually agreed time following the granting of an AFL licence, to enable appropriate consultation to occur. To do so could risk the availability of that site for the development of the centre of excellence.

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