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Dear Minister

State Policies and Projects (Macquarie Point Precinct) Order 2025

Thank you for your response to my letter regarding the Macquarie Point Multipurpose Stadium Project of State Significance Order. I appreciate you outlining the process undertaken to inform the development of the draft *State Policies and Projects (Macquarie Point Precinct) Order 2025*, and the conditions contained within its 153 pages.

However, your reply does not address my concern about the inherent conflict embedded in the conditions which are now contained within the draft order. I reiterate Labor's position that the Order must include robust safeguards to ensure independent oversight.

I remain concerned that the Order, as drafted, permits your government to approve its own plans - covering critical matters such as stormwater management, traffic, lighting, staging, and final design. This level of self-regulation is unprecedented and inconsistent with the requirements placed on other developers.

The Order should ensure that the project is subject to the same planning oversight and regulatory standards applied to other major developments undertaken within the municipality. My proposal is that the Order be amended so that the Planning Authority (City of Hobart Council) be given responsibility to approve these plans.

I note recent comments by the Hon Eric Abetz MP, Minister for Macquarie Point Urban Renewal indicating that, once tabled, the Order cannot be amended and Members of Parliament will be limited to a binary yes-no vote on the Order and its conditions. If this is the approach your government intends to take, it underscores the need to adequately address concerns before the Order is finalised.

Further I note that you have given me an extremely limited time to respond which has meant that I am yet to engage with all relevant members of my Shadow Cabinet, all stakeholders or the

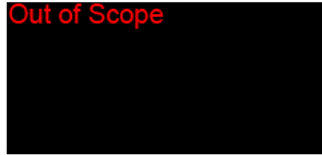
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City of Hobart in relation to these matters. This feedback may not be inclusive of all issues raised with me.

I am available to discuss this between 1pm and 4pm on Wednesday 15 October or at any time on Friday 17 October. I am also available to discuss by phone this weekend.

Yours sincerely,

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10 October 2025

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From: Bec Thomas <Bec.Thomas@parliament.tas.gov.au>
Sent: Monday, 13 October 2025 11:55 AM
To: Minister Vincent
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Subject: RE: Letter from the Minister for Housing and Planning - State Policies and Projects (Macquarie Point Precinct) Order 2025 [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: Attachment 1 - DRAFT State Policies and Projects (Macquarie Point Precinct) Order 2025 - 8 October 2025.pdf; Attachment 2 - State Policies and Projects (Macquarie Point Precinct) Order 2025 - Summary of changes.pdf; Letter from the Minister for Housing and Planning to Bec Thomas.pdf

Dear Minister Vincent

I thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback. However, I lament the fact that I am required to provide feedback on such a significant matter in such a short timeframe and without the opportunity to be briefed on the Draft Macquarie Point Precinct Order. As a result, my feedback below may not be as well-articulated nor as fully considered as it would otherwise have been, and there may well be other points I raise subsequent to this correspondence.

As conveyed in discussions with Sean Hollick from the Premier's Office and Mat Healey and Kath Morgan-Wicks in May this year, and then again to your Chief of Staff, Tim Lovibond on 1 October, my key concerns remain in relation to the powers vested in the Secretary of State Growth.

Specifically, **S2. A1** in the Draft Order provides that where a condition specified in the order requires the approval of a relevant document, the document must be prepared by a suitably qualified person and **approved by the Secretary after consulting with** the relevant regulator for the condition. Further, all the way through the conditions, from S16 onwards, there is approval power vested in the Secretary.

To me this is effectively allowing the proponent to sign off that their own conditions have been met. Then under Schedule 8, the Hobart City Council has to enforce compliance with these plans, whether they agree with them or not.

If there is good reason why the approval power ought not rest with the relevant regulator then the power perhaps ought to rest with the Parliament, ultimately as the Planning Authority in determining approval of the project under this Order. Or perhaps a committee of the Parliament (maybe the Public Works Committee), or independent panel established by the Parliament with the power to approve relevant documents required by a condition of the Order.

I am open to hearing any reasons why my suggestions in relation to the approval powers are not feasible, and other options, noting none have been suggested to me for consideration since I first provided this feedback in May, other than the idea of any approvals the Secretary makes being tabled in Parliament but not disallowable. This was suggested on 1 October and does not satisfy my concerns.

Please see below my specific questions/feedback on this and other elements of the Draft Order:

1. Could the approval power rest with the relevant regulator in Hobart City Council, rather than the Secretary? If not, why not?
2. What does 'after consulting with', mean, require, or result in?
3. Can the Order be amended to require that, where necessary, plans are adjusted according to the advice?
4. Will any advice received through such consultation with the relevant regulator be publicly available?
5. Could the approval power rest with the Parliament? If not, why not?
6. Could this approval power rest with a committee of the Parliament (maybe the Public Works Committee)? If not, why not?
7. Could this approval power rest with an independent panel or Major Projects Commissioner established by the Parliament? If not, why not?
8. In the Interpretation section, is transport deemed included as part of 'access' in the 'Project means:' definition? What does 'Plaza surrounding and 'public spaces' include?
9. S5. A4(3)(b)(i): 'the scope of' is too subjective. How is this defined? I suggest removing 5.A4(3) – what issue is there if notification is required for everything?
10. S10. A9 – establishes a Design Quality and Integrity Review Panel. They provide feedback in respect of plans, but what is required to be done with this feedback – can there be a requirement it be incorporated into the plan and made publicly available?
11. S14. AA3 requires that if consultation with a relevant regulator is required the Secretary must take **all reasonable steps** to reach consensus – what does this mean
12. Can the Design Quality and Integrity Review Panel be included in S14. AA3, too?
13. Schedule 3 – what consultation has been done on the Aboriginal Heritage Conditions, and with who?

Thank you for your due consideration of these matters.

With kindness
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House of Assembly Members
Members of Legislative Council
(via email)

Dear Parliamentary Colleagues,

I write to advise you of the Government's release of the Governance, Oversight and Assurance Framework that will guide the delivery of the Macquarie Point Multipurpose Stadium project.

The Framework is attached to this correspondence and also publicly available on the Department of Premier & Cabinet's website.

This framework has been developed to provide a clear and transparent structure for how decisions relating to the project are made, and how the project will be governed throughout its lifecycle. I acknowledge and thank those Members who have provided feedback on project governance that has helped to inform the development of this Framework.

As you know, the stadium is a major piece of infrastructure and a central element of the broader urban renewal of Macquarie Point. Recognising the high level of community interest in its progress, costs, and governance, we believe this framework will assist in ensuring greater public understanding and confidence.

The project will be delivered by the Macquarie Point Development Corporation and overseen by the dedicated Oversight Committee and a Cabinet Committee. In addition, independent assurance checks will occur at key stages to maintain rigorous standards and accountability.

The Government is fully committed to transparency in the delivery of this project. This commitment was demonstrated by our readiness for the project to go before the Parliamentary Standing Committee of Public Accounts, and it continues with the release of this framework.

We are confident that this approach will help maximise the value of this landmark development for the Tasmanian community. Importantly, the framework positions us to prudently progress the project once the State Policies and Projects (Macquarie Point Precinct) Order 2025 is approved by the Legislative Council.

I look forward to working constructively with all Members as we progress this significant project for Tasmania.

Yours sincerely

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cc Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP, Premier

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