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To:
Ms. Natasha Exel
Inquiry Secretary
Legislative Council
Parliament House
Hobart, TAS 7000

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RE: AFL IN TASMANIA

Dear Natasha:

Below you will read my feedback with regard to the "Terms of Reference".

(1) The likely benefits to the broader Tasmanian economy and community from having a Tasmanian team in the AFL;

Feedback: What has been the tangible and quantifiable benefit to other States, such as Adelaide, home to the Adelaide Crows? Has that "benefit" trickled down to the most rural of communities in South Australia, for example? If "No", then how would rural Tasmanians benefit?

(2) Whether or not the Tasmanian Taxpayer, or the AFL, should subsidise Melbourne based AFL Clubs playing in Tasmania;

Feedback: No Tasmanian should subsidise any AFL Team, whether Tasmanian or Melbourne-based. Why should we? Consider "fairness". Of the entire population of Tasmania, approximately 522,000 people, how many of that number play football and how many of that number have an interest in football and how many of that number have watched just 1 football game on television, during the past 365 days? If that number is a majority of tasmanians do not play football, have no interest in football, have not watched football on television once, then why should the minority prevail or impose itself upon the majority?

(3)The on-going support required to sustain a Tasmanian AFL team;

Feedback: On-going support demands more than just money. The local Football Club House was only suppose to cost \$80,000, but the building has about \$500,000 invested into it over time and Council loans were forgiven, et cetera. Of the 2,500 Rate Payers, how many of that number "how many of that number play football and how many of that number have an interest in football and how many of that number have watched just 1 football game on television" or visited the Recreation Grounds to specifically watch a Football game? Is that kind of on-going support fair? On-going support means that properties neighbouring the football grounds must tolerate hooning, extra traffic noise from bogans with loud exhausts, , litter and trash thrown on to Council verges near the Football Oval, loud music and noise from the Club House, until well past midnight every match. So, how much "on-going support" must we tolerate to accommodate the minority?!

(4)The possible solutions to the AFL's perception of Tasmania being geographically and politically divided;

Feedback: Less divisive and manipulative politicians . . . Not once have I felt unwelcome any place I have traveled or visited throughout Tasmania. I never felt a sense of division, either political or geographical. That was something foisted upon Tasmania and greedily indulged in by the parochial, who never leave their own town or whom have never traveled out of the State.

(5)The impact on the future participation rates in AFL in Tasmania of not having a Tasmanian team in the AFL;

Feedback: Of the entire population of Tasmania, approximately 522,000 people, how many of that number play football and how many of that number have an interest in football and how many of that number have watched just 1 football game on television, during the past 365 days? Answer that question. I am guessing most would have better things to do in their lives, even if it is mowing their grass during the only weather-window permitting it, though there is a Football match right next door, within walking distance.

(6)If Tasmania were to establish an AFL tea, **see attached**, when would it be the optimal time for it to commence; and

Feedback: AFL tea? "when would it be the optimal time for it to commence" May I suggest Tea time. If you meant AFL team, then if it is 100% self-funded, and no on-going financial support or impost to the majority of Tasmanians, then anytime is the optimal time. However, if I would be required to pay additional taxes to support an Tasmanian AFL team or if it would detract from my quality of life as it is, today, then no time is optimal.

(7)Any other matter incidental thereto.

Feedback: Of all things to consider spending limited money and resources on, in Tasmania, an AFL team should be the lowest priority.

Kind regards,
Robert Cassidy



28 November 2018

MEMORANDUM FOR:

The Clerk-Assistant

On Tuesday 20 November 2018, the Legislative Council resolved that a Select Committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon AFL in Tasmania with the following Terms of Reference —

- (1) The likely benefits to the broader Tasmanian economy and community from having a Tasmanian team in the AFL;
- (2) Whether or not the Tasmanian Taxpayer, or the AFL, should subsidise Melbourne based AFL Clubs playing in Tasmania;
- (3) The on-going support required to sustain a Tasmanian AFL team;
- (4) The possible solutions to the AFL's perception of Tasmania being geographically and politically divided;
- (5) The impact on the future participation rates in AFL in Tasmania of not having a Tasmanian team in the AFL;
- (6) If Tasmania were to establish an AFL tea, when would it be the optimal time for it to commence; and
- (7) Any other matter incidental thereto.

And that —

Mr *Dean*;
Mr *Farrell*;
Mr *Finch*;
Mr *Gaffney*;
Ms *Howlett*; and
Ms *Siejka*, be of the Committee

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CLERK OF THE COUNCIL