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Rob Fairs MP
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Dear Mr Fairs

I write in response to a question raised in Parliament on behalf of your constituents on 11 March 2025 in relation to JackJumpers' games in northern Tasmania.

The Tasmanian Government is incredibly proud of the JackJumpers and what they have achieved after only three years in the NBL. They have well and truly put Tasmania on the professional sporting map. We know sport has the power to bring people together and foster state pride – something the JackJumpers have achieved in spades. The Government is committed to ensuring Tasmanians across the state can experience this level of elite sport.

That's why I was pleased to confirm an additional \$4 million for upgrades to the Silverdome to add to the already budgeted \$8 million works. This increased investment in this loved, but tired venue, brings the total to \$12 million. This investment in the Silverdome will improve the facilities for everyone, from our elite athletes to community-level sports, create better accessibility, attract more live entertainment and concerts, boost the fan experience for patrons and increase business opportunities at the venue. Importantly, it secures a minimum of two JackJumpers games in the north each season into the future and increases the venue's seating capacity in basketball/netball mode from 3250 to around 4000. This will allow even more people to experience a JackJumpers' game live.

These upgrades will also significantly enhance our ability to attract a greater number and variety of events to the venue, which means we can have meaningful discussions about opportunities like a WNBL team playing across the state. I'm looking forward to seeing more sport, more concerts, more events, more people and more economic benefits for Northern Tasmania, with local jobs and an opportunity to boost capacity and skills in the building and construction centre through the delivery of these upgrades.

Once again thank you for raising this important issue with me. I trust this information is helpful for your constituents.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nick Duigan".

Hon Nick Duigan MLC
Minister for Sports and Events

12 March 2025