



Dear Louise,

4th June 2025

Re: Glenorchy Sports Centre Project.

As the state governing body, Basketball Tasmania are keenly aware of the growing community demand to play our great game, and the growth of Glenorchy Basketball in particular is a testament to this demand and the values of the club. Recently Basketball Tasmania released our State Facilities Strategy outlining a long-term vision for the provision of basketball courts for the Tasmanian community to maximise access to participation opportunities. The strategy in full can be found here - [BTAS - State Facilities Strategy 2025-2035](#)

The strategy clearly articulates the need for more courts, specifically in the Southern region, and recent participation growth has been directly aligned to accessibility of court space.

Having suitable facilities and 'places to play' are key to the continued growth in participation rates and retention. The development of "homes" for basketball enables the fostering of club culture that is such a richly rewarding and powerful component of junior and senior sport participation.

The Glenorchy Sports Centre Project will be a fantastic addition to the community sporting infrastructure in Glenorchy, enabling basketball to continue to deliver the benefits of sporting participation to the residents of Glenorchy and beyond. The project would be further enhanced if the provision of a clubroom for one of Glenorchy's largest sporting clubs could be included in the overall plans, enabling a Basketball club, to resemble some of the many other sporting clubs in Glenorchy already enjoying the privilege of a clubroom.

The project will provide several significant benefits, including:

- Enabling Glenorchy Basketball Association to offer participation experiences commensurate with other sporting pursuits with matches and trainings held at reasonably convenient timeslots and locations including "home" matches.
- Enabling rounds of the Tasmania Jack Jumpers Junior League and domestic competitions to be delivered from a Glenorchy based location at a fit for purpose Basketball facility.
- A Glenorchy location from which to deliver the Basketball Tasmania athlete and coach development programs such as Future Development & State Development Programs.
- A fit for purpose facility to enable Basketball Tasmania to cater for increasing demands in the school and state-wide tournament space
- The capacity for Glenorchy other Basketball Tasmania tournaments – with the associated economic benefits to the city and wider region.
- Basketball court availability within Glenorchy is a premium issue. This project has the potential to be a "game changer" for all involved.

Basketball Tasmania continues to be fully supportive of the project. With less basketball court space (in Southern Tasmanian) than the rest of the state, this opportunity would create much needed opportunities for close to 1000 families.

Should you need any further information please contact me at your convenience.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ben Smith".

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