



Parliamentary Standing Committee of Public Accounts

Media Advisory

Wednesday, 6 December 2023

Public Hearing:

Inquiry into the Tasmanian Government's process into the proposed Arts, Entertainment and Sports Precinct in Hobart

The Parliamentary Standing Committee of Public Accounts (Committee) is continuing its targeted inquiry into the Tasmanian Government's process into the planning for the proposed Arts, Entertainment and Sports Precinct in Hobart.

The Committee is considering amongst other factors: matters related to the Club Funding and Development Agreement (Agreement) signed between the Crown in the Right of Tasmania and Australian Football League; the suitability of Macquarie Point as the site for a proposed the Arts, Entertainment and Sports Precinct; the financial risks associated with the Agreement; matters related to the financing and delivery of the entire proposed Arts, Entertainment and Sports Precinct; the future of Blundstone Arena and UTAS Stadium; and any other incidental matters.

The Committee will conduct a public hearing to obtain further information to the Inquiry.

The hearing will be held in Committee Room 2, Parliament House, Hobart and will commence at 9:30 am on Friday, 8 December 2023. The timetable and details of witnesses are attached.

The public hearings will also be broadcast via the Parliamentary Broadcast Service and will be available at the following link <http://www.parliament.tas.gov.au/>.

The Members of the Committee are:

Legislative Council

Hon Ruth Forrest MLC (Chair)

Hon Meg Webb MLC

Hon Josh Willie MLC

House of Assembly

Ms Lara Alexander MP

Mr Simon Behrakis MP

Dr Shane Broad MP

Further information about the Committee is available on the [Committee website](#).

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Public Hearing Schedule

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Venue: Committee Room 2 – Parliament House, Hobart

Time	Witnesses
09:30 am – 11:00 am	Hon Michael Ferguson MP Deputy Premier and Treasurer <u>Department of Treasury and Finance Representatives</u> Ms Fiona Calvert (Acting Secretary) Mr James Craigie (Deputy Secretary)
01:00 pm – 02:00 pm	<u>Joint Submission No. 37 (New ToR)</u> Ms Caroline Sharpen (Chief Executive Officer) Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra Dr Daniel Hanna (Executive General Manager – Corporate & Regulatory Affairs) Federal Group Mr Ralph Freckleton (General Manager) Hotel Grand Chancellor – Hobart
02:00 pm – 03:00 pm	<u>Submission No. 43 (New ToR)</u> Mr Ross Doddridge OAM (President) Royal Hobart Regatta Association