

(No. 139.)



1883.

TASMANIA.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

**GROUND FOR NEW TOWN CRICKET
ASSOCIATION :**

PETITION.

Return to an Order of the House of Assembly. (Mr. Dobson.)

Laid upon the Table by the Minister of Lands, October 9, 1883; and ordered by the House to be printed.



Hobart, 29th September, 1883.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to forward for your consideration a Petition from certain residents in the Districts of New Town and others, having reference to the alienation of the recreation ground at New Town.

I trust that no steps will be taken in reference to the matter until the Petitioners have an opportunity of bringing their case before Parliament.

I have the honor to be,
Your obedient Servant,

The Hon. the Minister of Lands.

ALFRED DOBSON.

New Town, September, 1883.

To the Honorable the Minister of Lands and Works.

The Petition of the undersigned Officers of the New Town Cricket Association and other residents of the District.

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH :

THAT in a recent issue of the *Mercury* newspaper your Petitioners observed that in an article having reference to the proceedings of a meeting of the Committee of the S.T.A.P. Society it was stated, amongst other matters, that "The Hon. Secretary had communicated with the Government asking that the whole of the Show Ground be handed over to the Society." The article added that probably the application would be complied with, as the New Town Association could obtain "a better and a more convenient site."

Touching the matters noted above, your Petitioners beg to respectfully enter their protest against the course proposed to be adopted by the Honorary Secretary of the S.T.A.P. Society; and in support of such protest, invite your attention to the following facts:—

1. The cricketers and residents of New Town have expended and are expending considerable sums in order to render this ground suitable for the purpose to which it is applied.
2. The admission to the ground is free to the general public.
3. The S.T.A.P. Society occupy the ground only two days in each year, whereas cricket and other manly sports take up about ten months in each year.
4. From its central position the ground is admirably adapted to the purpose to which it is now applied. It is the only recreation ground the residents of New Town have. It is the only ground upon which clubs, not able to secure a "pitch" on either of the S.T. Reserves, can follow up the manly practice of cricket. We therefore respectfully submit that the handing over of the whole of the ground to the S.T.A.P. Society is undesirable.

For the reasons stated your Petitioners respectfully but earnestly pray that no change may be allowed by the Government in the present use of the ground in question.

And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

[Here follow 58 signatures.]