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**PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS**

**KATE REED DEVELOPMENT—  
TASMANIAN INSTITUTE OF SPORT AND  
SPORT AND RECREATION NORTHERN OFFICE**

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*Presented to His Excellency the Governor pursuant to the provisions of the Public Works Committee Act 1914.*

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**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE**

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Mr Wilson  
Mr Wing

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By Authority: Government Printer, Tasmania

To His Excellency the Honourable Sir Guy Stephen Montague Green, Companion of the Order of Australia, Knight Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, Governor in and over the State of Tasmania and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia.

### **MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY**

The Committee has investigated the following proposal:—

#### **KATE REED DEVELOPMENT—TASMANIAN INSTITUTE OF SPORT AND SPORT AND RECREATION NORTHERN OFFICE**

and now has the honour to present the Report to Your Excellency in accordance with the *Public Works Committee Act 1914*.

### **PROPOSAL AND COSTING**

#### **Proposal**

Broadly, this proposal is the relocation of two separate but related bodies, The Tasmanian Institute of Sport and the Northern Office of Sport and Recreation, onto the site of the Silverdome, which has its own management authority, and the whole site is owned by the Department of Environment and Land Management.

In more detail, the TIS part of the proposal is as follows:—

It is envisaged that, over the next two years, the pressures placed on the TIS to provide such a high level service to athletes, coaches and sport in general will see a need for additional staff in the following areas:

##### **Administration—**

- Admin Assistant specific to Director (1 FTE)
- Program Support Officer (1 FTE)
- Clerk—expansion of current position to full time (.4 FTE)

##### **Sports Science—**

- Sports Science Assistant—expansion of current position to full time (.5 FTE)
- Laboratory Technician (1 FTE)

TIS consultants will also be expected to be both more accessible and more visible to athletes and coaches, therefore necessitating more permanent meeting areas for them within the TIS structure.

With the recent growth of the Institute and its anticipated further growth, the need to relocate is very real. The TIS requires a new home that is identifiable to sport and the community, is accessible to athletes, coaches and the general public and is designed to meet the Institute's current and future needs.

The Kate Reed site provides a number of advantages to the TIS and meets all the Institute's current needs including the ability to provide accessibility and visibility to both the sporting and general public. It is a high profile site that is already linked to sport and well suits the image of the Institute; opportunities are available for the TIS to share the existing facility as well as to provide access to Silverdome users to a number of the planned TIS facilities; and, unlike the current University of Tasmania site, future expansion at the Silverdome would also be a possibility and is a factor the Institute must consider.

In developing the proposed building for the Tasmanian Institute of Sport on the Kate Reed site, all the above factors have been taken into consideration, including the present situation and future implications. Not only will all current TIS needs be met through construction of this building, but the Institute's future requirements would be well met on this site.

If the Institute continues to lose visibility, profile and accessibility to its corporate sponsors and the public, the impact it has had on Tasmanian sport over the past ten years will be quickly lost. If it is unable to provide the necessary services to the State's elite athletes, its current standing within the National Elite Sports Network will also be affected. It is, therefore, essential the TIS relocate as quickly as possible.

The Sport and Recreation part of the proposal is as follows:—

The stated purpose for the proposed development at the Kate Reed Site is to relocate the Tasmanian Institute of Sport and the Northern office of Sport and Recreation. The development has objectives of enhancing the public profile of all parties, maximising the use of the present facilities and enhancing the functionality of the Silverdome.

The co-location of sport and recreation with the Tasmanian Institute of Sport (TIS) brings together the two key components of State Government sport and recreation services.

The combined TIS and Northern Sport and Recreation (S&R) will lead to a redefining of existing roles with resultant benefits to TIS, Sport and Recreation, the Silverdome and the sport and recreation community.

It will establish close links between elite and grass roots sport by enabling wider exposure to community sporting groups of the talent development, sports science and education roles of the TIS.

The site is centrally located for the greater Northern community with ample parking facilities.

The focus on sport at the Silverdome will increase the profile of the State Government and its support of sport.

The present Silverdome facilities will be maintained. The new building will provide additional space, eg, the auditorium for Silverdome functions. The use of the resource centre, auditorium/meeting rooms for coach accreditation courses, sports medicine and administration courses and the Tasmanian Sports Development Council will greatly increase the number of Tasmanians visiting the Silverdome facility.

The Silverdome will be a central location for statewide sporting/recreation conferences.

This additional usage will greatly increase the public profile and the use of the Silverdome as a venue for a range of sporting conferences, seminars and events.

The establishment of a permanent base for the Tasmanian Sporting Hall of Fame will generate increased visitation with potential for organised tours to highlight Tasmanian sporting history linked to the elite athletes of today. The visit of school groups could be encouraged and focus on a Tasmanian sporting theme of past champions, present TIS athletes and their achievements and the opportunities being provided for the champions of the future.

As a focus for sport in the North the promotion and marketing of the venue can be more effectively targeted to the sporting community in Tasmania, interstate and internationally. This could have significant impact given the focus on the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games and Tasmania's endeavours to maximise benefits from this event.

The planned development is in keeping with the designated usage of the Kate Reed Site and will compliment any future recreation developments.

The budget for the project is \$1 500 000.

## EVIDENCE

The Committee met at the Silverdome in Launceston on Thursday, 14 December 1995 to inspect the site and hear evidence. The following persons appeared before the Committee:—

Paul Sproule, Deputy Director, Department of Tourism and Recreation;  
David McQuestin, Chairman, Silverdome;  
Elizabeth Franks, Director, Tasmanian Institute of Sport;  
Richard Crawford, Consultant Architect; and  
Brenda Sheldrick, General Manager, Silverdome.

At the hearing the Committee had explained to it that the proposal was still in its conceptual stage where the overall plan and the nature of the facilities required had been determined, but a number of detailed matters had to be determined.

The Committee defined these issues in discussion with the witnesses and they need to be satisfactorily addressed if the project is to be a long term success. The apparent goodwill which exists among the personnel gives confidence that these matters will be properly addressed and appropriate arrangements put into place for future management.

The issues include:—

- general managements will need to be clarified and set up in a contractual manner as there are 3 authorities operating on a site owned by a fourth authority.
- land tenure/lease/allocation arrangements need to be clarified.
- potential for the TIS to need additional space, at short notice, for expansion needs to be taken into consideration in this project to avoid the need for relocation; eg strength of building footings, laboratory and office space.
- the relocation of sports administration onto what is basically a sports site is a sound principle, but a concern remains regarding the overall size of the facility.
- The nature of the suggested financial economies needs to be explained in more detail.

### **CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION**

The evidence presented to the Committee showed that the concept and objectives stated in the submission were highly desirable. It is acknowledged that the plan is still at an early stage and the Committee has defined a number of issues which need to be addressed to ensure the objectives can be met.

Accordingly, the Committee recommends the project, in accordance with the plans and specifications submitted, at an estimated cost of \$1 500 000.

Parliament House, Hobart  
10 January 1996

W. B. Bonde, M.H.A., Chairman