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**Constituency Question of Tuesday 11 June 2024 – AFL High Performance Centre**

Dear Dr Woodruff

Thank you for raising your question regarding the AFL High Performance Centre in Rosny and for your interest in this important project for Tasmania.

Through an Expression of Interest process, the Rosny Parklands were identified as the preferred location for the High Performance Centre which was the unanimous choice of the steering committee charged with evaluating proposals. The steering committee comprised representatives of the Government, the AFL and the Tasmania AFL football club.

During the development of council's proposal to the Department of State Growth, council investigated numerous locations across the city as possible options to house the High Performance Centre. These locations included: the old Rosny golf course and Charles Hand Park, Seven Mile Beach, Geilston Bay Recreation Area, Blundstone Arena, Cambridge, and Clarence Plains/Bayview Secondary College.

As part of their proposal, council could only put forward options on proposed land on which they own, or are in partnership with the other landowners. Of the five potential options, only one, Rosny, is owned and managed by council. Throughout the development of their proposal, I am aware that council worked with other landowners and considered joint proposals with adjoining landowners, but I am advised that none were forth coming. Detailed justification for non-selection of these sites is available on the City of Clarence website.

Prior to submitting its proposal, the City of Clarence consulted widely with the local community, receiving a high level of community interest and participation, and strong support for locating the facility in Rosny. Clarence City Council's original proposal was for the facility to be built at the Rosny Parklands with a secondary oval to be built at the adjacent Charles Hand Park. Council has since decided it would prefer to locate both ovals at Rosny Parklands.

The Government will continue to work with Clarence City Council on this proposal and is currently undertaking geotechnic explorations on both sites to inform further works, including an integrated masterplan.

Yours sincerely

Hon Nick Duigan MLC  
**Acting Minister for Sport and Events**

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