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Hon Ruth Forrest MLC
Chair
Public Accounts Committee
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Cc. Simon Scott, Committee Secretary - Simon.Scott@parliament.tas.gov.au

Dear Ms Forrest

RE: Macquarie Point Stadium Costs and Governance – Question on Notice

Thank you for your interest in my analysis regarding the affordability and economic impact of the AFL team and stadium for Tasmania. I appreciated the opportunity to appear before the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) by video-conference and to answer your questions in relation to my analysis.

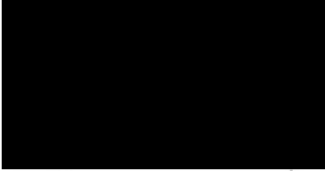
In response to the Question on Notice: within private correspondence advising them of my need to take some medical leave (to the Premier and his Chief of Staff on 18 September 2025 and to Minister Ellis on 19 September 2025), I noted my intention to write an opinion piece relating to the AFL team and stadium and I flagged that I would be seeking their permission (as required for a public servant) to publicly release that opinion piece.

On 22 September at 4.00pm, I presented by video-conference a summary of our economic analysis to date, to the Premier and the Treasurer and I reiterated my intention to write an opinion piece once we had verified some further economic information, and re-checked and finalised all the analysis and I sought permission to publish that opinion piece when it was finalised.

Because I do not have direct contact with the media, on Friday 10 October 2025 I provided my final version of the opinion piece to people who do have regular contact with the media to release my opinion piece on my behalf and to deal directly with the media in relation to it. I then subsequently directly emailed the Premier, Treasurer and the Premier's Chief of Staff (i.e. also on 10 October 2025) and attached a copy of my opinion piece as a heads up of what was being provided to the media. The opinion piece was published in various publications on Saturday, 11 October 2025.

If you have any further questions in relation to this inquiry, I would be happy to answer.
Thank you again for your interest in this important project for the state.

Yours sincerely



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