



# LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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## VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

No. 26

WEDNESDAY, 23 NOVEMBER 2022

- 1 **COUNCIL MEETS.**— The Council met at 11.00 o'clock in the forenoon.
- 2 **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL PEOPLE.**— The President said: “We meet today on Tasmanian Aboriginal land. We acknowledge and pay respect to the Tasmanian Aboriginal people and elders, past and present. We recognise them as the traditional and original owners and the continuing custodians of this land.”
- 3 **PRAYERS.**— The President read Prayers.
- 4 **MACQUARIE POINT STADIUM AND AFL FOOTBALL STADIUM.**— Mr *Valentine* asked the Honourable the Leader of the Government — In relation to the most recent announcement of an AFL football stadium on Macquarie Point, in the interests of transparency and for the record, can the Government please provide the following details:
  - (1) (a) Prior to the Government setting a policy to build a stadium on the most recently selected site, was the Macquarie Point Development Corporation (MPDC) consulted; and
  - (b) if so, what was the style of that consultation and will the Government table the Corporation’s detailed response(s) to that consultation?
  - (2) (a) What benefit-cost analysis (BCA) was undertaken for the recently proposed project prior to the project’s announcement; and
  - (b) will the Government table that analysis?
  - (3) (a) Did the Government assess the impact the project would have on each of the current projects, either underway or in planning, that are related to the Macquarie Point 2017-2030 Masterplan; and
  - (b) if so, will the Government table that assessment, including any costs associated with the halting or delay of each project?
  - (4) (a) When was the most recent Ministerial Statement of Expectations provided to the MPDC;
  - (b) did that statement envisage an AFL football stadium; and
  - (c) if not already available on the MPDC’s website, will the Government table the statement?
  - (5) (a) Did the Government consult with MONA stakeholders prior to setting a policy to build a stadium on the most recently selected site; and
  - (b) if so, will the Government table the MONA stakeholder’s response(s)?
  - (6) (a) Given the Aboriginal Community’s significant interest in the future of Macquarie Point and their present operations on the site, has the Government in any way consulted with that community in relation to the impact of a stadium on their expectations for future development at the site;

- (b) if so, when did that occur in relation to the policy change for the site; and
- (c) will the Government table the Aboriginal Community's response(s) to that consultation?
- (7) (a) Did the Government consult with the Australian Antarctic Division in relation to the impact of the Stadium on their future developments at Macquarie Point; and
- (b) if so, will the Government table the response(s) from the Australian Antarctic Division?
- (8) (a) Did the Government consult with the Hobart City Council in relation to the project's impact on their city's strategic plans; and
- (b) if so, what were the results of that consultation and will the Government table those results?

The Leader answered, The Tasmanian Government is currently undertaking work on a feasibility study and business case for a new multi-purpose arts, entertainment, and sporting precinct at Macquarie Point in Hobart.

The development of the Macquarie Point precinct as a community focused multi-purpose arts, entertainment and sports venue would provide significant social and economic benefits, not just for Hobart, but for the entire state. The Tasmanian Government strongly believes that a precinct of this kind will put Tasmania on the national and international stage for both sporting and entertainment events on a scale that hasn't been possible in the past. Similar precincts and stadiums in other states and across the world have transformed and reinvigorated cities, enhanced economic activity and created a vibrant precinct for locals and visitors.

The Tasmanian Government has been transparent about potential sites being considered, including Macquarie Point. This information has been publicly available on the Department of State Growth's website since February 2022. The work undertaken to date has highlighted that Macquarie Point offers the most cost effective and efficient option to base the Tasmanian Arts, Entertainment and Sports Precinct and is now the Government's preferred location.

The economic impacts of such a precinct in Hobart, estimated by PricewaterhouseCoopers, indicate that a new facility, hosting a conservative 44 sporting and cultural events each year, could generate \$300 million in additional economic activity and 4,200 jobs during construction. Once operational, it could generate \$85 million in additional economic activity and 950 jobs in each year of operations, as well as \$162 million per year in additional consumption (based on attracting 420,000 attendees with 350,000 bed nights).

This is in addition to a Tasmanian-own AFL and AFLW team which is estimated to generate \$120 million a year in economic activity.

Further, conference facilities not currently available in Tasmania would increase our capacity to host events of up to 25,000 people. EMRS research shows increasing our conference capacity to 25,000 would have a direct economic impact of \$1.3 billion to Tasmania, which we are currently losing to cities like Cairns, Geelong and the Gold Coast. These facilities provide synergies for the proposed Antarctic and Science Precinct at Macquarie Point and will help support Tasmania as the Antarctic Gateway.

The Government is now proceeding with the next stage of the feasibility work which will focus on the stadium at Macquarie Point and will include the development of a business case to secure full funding, as well as a cost benefit analysis. As a large, complex project all relevant parts of government continue to work together, including the Macquarie Point Development Corporation which is involved in this process. Two of the key elements of the vision for the Macquarie Point site continue to be the proposed Antarctic and Science Precinct and The Park. The Government remains strongly committed to both of these developments, which can be delivered alongside a stadium, and consultation is continuing with stakeholders associated with these developments.

The Tasmanian Government acknowledges and respects the Tasmanian Aboriginal community and their important role in the development of Macquarie Point. The Macquarie Point Development Corporation is working closely with the Tasmanian Aboriginal people and will continue to engage with them on The Park.

It is anticipated there will be development and commercial opportunities around, and as part of, the precinct. The types of development and locations will become clearer as work progresses. The Government will continue to engage with developers and stakeholders to explore these opportunities.

The Macquarie Point Development Corporation is guided by its Ministerial Statement of Expectations, which is published on its website. It will continue to prioritise remediating the site to allow for permanent development and work with leaseholders and all stakeholders on site in relation to any impacts on them. Representatives of the Government, including the Premier, Minister for State Development, Construction and Housing, agency and Macquarie Point Development Corporation officials have been engaging with key stakeholders and regular consultation will continue as the project progresses.

**5 PAPERS.**— The Clerk of the Council laid upon the Table the following Papers:—

- (1) Commissioner for Children and Young People: Annual Report 2021-22.
- (2) The National Heavy Vehicle Regulator: Annual Report 2021-2022.

**6 STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT – WELCOME NEW STAFF MEMBER.**— The President said —

“Before we commence proceedings today I would like to welcome to the Chamber Ms Kate Rainbird who has commenced work with the Honourable Member for Pembroke as his Electorate Officer.

Kate’s background is in graphic design and marketing. She has a bachelor degree in design from the University Newcastle. She has worked across private and government sectors in Western Australia and London and also run her own successful graphic design business here in Tasmanian for the past 15 years. Kate holds a Graduate Certificate in International Relations and currently studying a Master of Politics and Policy.

We welcome Kate to the Legislative Council.”

**7 BILL NO. 48.**— The Order of the Day was read for resuming the Debate on the Question, That the Workers Rehabilitation and Compensation Amendment Bill 2022 be now read the Second time.

The Question was again proposed, and the Council resumed the Debate.

And the Question being put,

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Bill was, accordingly, read the Second time and committed to a Committee of the Whole Council.

And the President having left the Chair, the Council resolved itself into the said Committee.

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(In the Committee)

Ms *Forrest* in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 6 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported without Amendment.

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The Council being resumed, Ms *Forrest* reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed her to report the same to the Council without Amendment.

*Ordered*, That the Third reading of the Bill be made an Order of the Day for tomorrow. (Mrs *Hiscutt*)

**8 BILL NO. 46.**— The Order of the Day was read for the Second reading of the Environmental Management and Pollution Control Amendment Bill 2022.

A Motion was made (Mrs *Hiscutt*), and the Question was proposed, That the Bill be now read the Second time.

A Debate arose thereupon.

**9 SITTING SUSPENDED.**— It being 1.00 o'clock p.m. the Sitting of the Council was suspended.

The Council resumed the Sitting at 2.30 o'clock p.m.

**10 QUESTION TIME.**— The President called for Questions without Notice. There were eleven Questions asked.

**11 LEAVE TO TABLE REPORT.** *Ordered*, That Mr *Valentine* have leave to present a Report of the Joint Parliamentary Standing Committee on Integrity.

**12 JOINT PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTEGRITY** — Mr *Valentine* laid upon the Table the Annual Report of the Joint Parliamentary Standing Committee on Integrity for 2021-2022.

*Ordered*, That the Report be received. (Mr *Valentine*).

**13 BILL NO. 46.**— The Council resumed the Debate on the Question, That the Environmental Management and Pollution Control Amendment Bill 2022 be now read the Second time.

*Ordered*, That the debate be adjourned. (Mrs *Hiscutt*)

**14 MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE.**— *Ordered*, That Mrs *Hiscutt* have leave to move a Motion without Notice.

**15 SUSPENSION OF SESSIONAL ORDER.** — *Ordered*, That so much of Sessional Orders relating to the 4.00 o'clock p.m. break be suspended so as to enable the Council to sit beyond 4.00 o'clock pm for this day's sitting. (Mrs *Hiscutt*)

**16 BILL NO. 46.**— The Council, according to order, resumed the Debate on the Question, That the Environmental Management and Pollution Control Amendment Bill 2022 be now read the Second time.

And the Question being put,

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

And the Bill was, accordingly, read the Second time and committed to a Committee of the Whole Council.

And the President having left the Chair, the Council resolved itself into the said Committee.

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(In the Committee)

Ms *Forrest* in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 16 agreed to.

Clause 17 Amendment proposed (Ms *Webb*)

Page 34, proposed new section 96W.

*Leave out “tenth”.*

*Insert instead “fifth”.*

Question put, That the amendment be agreed to

Committee divided.

AYES 7

*Ms Armitage*  
*Ms Forrest*  
*Mr Gaffney (Teller)*  
*Mr Harriss*  
*Ms Rattray*  
*Mr Valentine*  
*Ms Webb*

NOES 7

*Mr Duigan*  
*Mr Edmunds*  
*Mrs Hiscutt*  
*Ms Howlett (Teller)*  
*Ms Lovell*  
*Ms Palmer*  
*Mr Willie*

So it passed in the Negative.

Further amendment proposed (*Ms Webb*)

Page 34, proposed new section 96W, after “review the environmental standards”.

*Insert “, and conduct public consultation,”.*

Question put, That the amendment be agreed to.

Committee divided.

AYES 10

*Ms Armitage*  
*Mr Edmunds*  
*Ms Forrest*  
*Mr Gaffney*  
*Mr Harriss*  
*Ms Lovell (Teller)*  
*Ms Rattray*  
*Mr Valentine*  
*Ms Webb*  
*Mr Willie*

NOES 4

*Mr Duigan (Teller)*  
*Mrs Hiscutt*  
*Ms Howlett*  
*Ms Palmer*

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

Clause 17 as amended agreed to.

Clauses 18 and 19 agreed to.

Title agreed to.

Bill to be reported with Amendment.

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The Council being resumed, *Ms Forrest* reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed her to report the same to the Council with Amendment.

*Ordered*, That the consideration of the Bill as amended in Committee be made an Order of the Day for tomorrow. (*Mrs Hiscutt*)

**17 COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS.**— A Message from the House of Assembly:—

MR PRESIDENT,

In accordance with the provisions of section (3) subsection (3) of the *Public Accounts Committee Act 1970* (No. 54), the House of Assembly has appointed the Honourable Member for Franklin Mr *Young* to serve on the Parliamentary Standing Committee of Public Accounts.

Further, the House of Assembly has appointed the Honourable Member for Franklin, Mr *Young* to serve on the Joint Sessional Committee on Gender and Equality in place of the Leader of the House.

*House of Assembly, 23 November 2022*

MARK SHELTON, *Speaker*

**18 ADJOURNMENT.**—*Resolved*, That the Council at its rising adjourn until 10.00 o'clock a.m. on Thursday, 24 November 2022. (Mrs *Hiscutt*)

A Motion was made (Mrs *Hiscutt*) and the Question was proposed, That the Council do now adjourn.

A Debate arose thereupon.

And the Question being put,

It was resolved in the Affirmative.

The Council adjourned at 7.14 o'clock p.m.

D.T. PEARCE, *Clerk of the Council*.

*Briefing:*

- *Workers Rehabilitation and Compensation Amendment Bill 2022*