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Michael Ferguson MP
Member for Bass
Via Clerk of the House of Assembly
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Dear Mr Ferguson

I am writing in response to a question raised in Parliament on 5 November 2025 on behalf of your constituents in relation to the future governance and operating model for the Northern Suburbs Recreational Hub.

I am pleased to advise the governance framework for the Northern Hub has been carefully developed to ensure effective management, equitable access, and strong stakeholder engagement.

Active Tasmania, within the Department of State Growth, has been leading coordination efforts with Launceston PCYC regarding their proposed relocation to the Hub. This includes progressing both the operating and management models to support long-term sustainability and community benefit.

Under the proposed governance structure PCYC North will serve as the overall venue manager, responsible for day-to-day operations and coordination across the facility. PCYC's lease agreement is expected to include exclusive use of a wide range of spaces, including three multi-purpose courts, change rooms, café, reception, kitchen, youth engagement areas, counselling and meeting rooms, offices, outdoor courts, and dedicated spaces for gymnastics, rock climbing, gym, and weightlifting.

I understand the PCYC North board has provided in-principle agreement to the lease terms and proposed budget, and the Office of the Crown Solicitor is currently drafting the formal lease via an external legal contractor. In addition to this, I am advised a separate agreement is being developed with the Northern Tasmanian Netball Association (NTNA), which will include exclusive management of four sprung timber indoor courts, changerooms, umpire facilities, function areas, office space, storage, and seating.

I am aware initial discussions have also taken place with the Launceston Basketball Association (LBA), Basketball Tasmania, PCYC, and NTNA regarding the future governance and operational model for the planned four-court extension. The intent is to establish a lease agreement with LBA similar to that of NTNA. To ensure fair and transparent access, an Expressions of Interest (EOI) process will be implemented to maximise utilisation of the facility, taking into account the annual usage requirements of key lessees.

This governance model is designed to balance the needs of anchor tenants with broader community access, ensuring the Northern Hub delivers maximum value to the region.

Once again thank you for your interest and ongoing support of this important project. I am looking forward to its completion early in 2026 and to throwing open the doors to the community.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Nick Duigan', followed by a long horizontal flourish.

Hon Nick Duigan MLC
Minister for Sport