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The Hon Anthony Albanese MP
Prime Minister of Australia
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Prime Minister 

Re: Tasmania's Priorities for 2023/24 Commonwealth Budget

Thank you for your recent discussions regarding several of Tasmania's upcoming budget priorities.

Below is an outline of the priorities Tasmania is seeking commitments for in the upcoming Commonwealth Budget. I would welcome further discussions if you wish to discuss any of these projects in more detail.

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Macquarie Point Arts, Entertainment and Sports Precinct Urban Renewal Project

As we have spoken about many times, we seek a \$240 million contribution for the new Arts, Entertainment, and Sports Precinct Urban Renewal Project at Macquarie Point. We remain committed to delivering this transformational infrastructure project to unlock economic activity and invigorate a sense of community and pride, providing flow-on benefits to Tasmania. We provided your Government with the Business Case for this project in December 2022.

The Project is integrated with and supports broader urban renewal activities across Greater Hobart, with a flow-on effect across the city and state, bringing jobs, investment, confidence and attracting events, business, and tourism. The strategic position of Macquarie Point at the nexus of the three transport corridors into Hobart and close to the Hobart CBD will enhance liveability in Greater Hobart and drive further investment in housing and transport developments.

This project brings broad community benefits. The precinct will be a game-changing multi-purpose entertainment venue providing significant economic, health, social and cultural benefits for Hobart and the whole state.

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I also seek confirmation that the Australian Government will honour all commitments to Tasmania, including those specified in the National Partnership Agreements, City Deals and other programs and projects.

I look forward to continuing to work with the Australian Government to deliver projects that support the Tasmanian economy, strengthen and improve our natural values and contribute to the well-being of all Tasmanians.

Yours sincerely



Jeremy Rockliff MP
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cc. The Hon Dr Jim Chalmers
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The Hon Catherine King MP

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The Hon Jeremy Rockliff
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Dear Premier

I write in relation to the Tasmanian Government's requests for Australian Government funding to support the redevelopment of Macquarie Point precinct in Hobart and upgrades to UTAS Stadium in Launceston.

I can confirm the Australian Government will provide capped funding of \$305 million in the upcoming 2023-24 Federal Budget in support of these projects. This funding comprises \$240 million for the Macquarie Point precinct and \$65 million for UTAS Stadium.

The Australian Government sees the potential of new land uses at Macquarie Point as an exciting proposition for genuine urban transformation of this key site. In order to ensure that our co-investment is a catalyst for urban redevelopment, I note below the Australian Government's expectations for the site:

- The Tasmanian Government will produce a refreshed precinct plan for the site and engage suitably qualified urban planners to lead this process and ensure all proposed land uses are compatible and to deliver quality design outcomes. The refreshed plan should consider transport connectivity and accessibility in and around the precinct.
- The Tasmanian Government will engage with community groups and all affected stakeholders, including First Nations groups, RSL Tasmania and Hobart City Council to understand the breadth of strategic opportunities of the precinct.
- The Tasmanian Government will maintain and enhance existing amenity for the Hobart community and visitors by ensuring continued public access to the waterfront and existing jetties and marine infrastructure.
- The Tasmanian Government will ensure upgrades to UTAS Stadium in Launceston are progressed as a priority.

In addition to the above expectations, I also note that this funding is conditional on two additional requirements in relation to the Macquarie Point Precinct:

- The Tasmanian Government will upgrade Macquarie Wharf, with the immediate priority being the upgrade of Wharf 6 to provide Australia's Antarctic icebreaker, RSV Nuyina with a working wharf throughout the season and lay-up berth when not at sea, on reasonable commercial terms acceptable to the Australian Government.

The Tasmanian Government will also deliver upgrades in due course to Wharves 4 and 5 to support polar and research programs, defence support and additional commercial opportunities.

- The Tasmanian Government will ensure the delivery of housing at Macquarie Point, including a portion set aside as affordable, essential worker or social housing.

I look forward to seeing the Macquarie Point precinct activated through this process. I am also pleased that sports infrastructure in northern Tasmania will be enhanced via upgrades to UTAS Stadium.

Thank you for the constructive approach of the Tasmanian Government in progressing this initiative. I have copied this letter to the Prime Minister, the Hon Anthony Albanese MP.

Yours sincerely



Catherine King MP

28 April 2023