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# Cenotaph Briefing Paper

## Introduction

The Hobart Cenotaph has historic, cultural, and spiritual significance to the Tasmanian community, especially to returned service personnel and their Families. It has been the site of memorial services since 1919. It is the main war memorial in Tasmania. Next year marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the completion of the Cenotaph in 1925. It is a prominent landmark and commands numerous important sight lines across Hobart.

The Cenotaph meets five of the seven criteria established by the *Historic Cultural Heritage Act 1995* for inclusion on the Tasmanian Heritage Register. Undoubtedly, it is of historic heritage significance. In his 2001 Conservation Assessment, Ian Terry noted:

*“The Hobart Cenotaph is of historic heritage significance as it has special symbolic, spiritual, cultural, and social meaning for the entire Tasmanian community, in particular returned service people and their families. It is a place symbolic of national identity and sacrifice.”*

## Heritage Significance

- The Tasmanian Heritage Register Datasheet (ID Number 7137) and the Hobart Cenotaph Conservation Assessment prepared by Ian Terry for the Hobart City Council, document in detail the historic, cultural, and spiritual significance of the Cenotaph.
- The Cenotaph meets five of the seven criteria set out by the *Historic Cultural Heritage Act 1995* for inclusion on the Tasmanian Heritage Register.
- It demonstrates the participation and sacrifice of Tasmanians in conflicts around the world, on all our behalf.
- As noted by Ian Terry in his 2001 Conservation Assessment it *“has special symbolic, spiritual, cultural, and social meaning for the entire Tasmanian community...”*
- Having been completed in 1925, it is Australia's oldest state war memorial.

- The Cenotaph was purposely sited to command important sight lines including down the Derwent River. No development should be permitted that obscures the Cenotaph from these sight lines.

#### **Important Sight Lines (Sullivan Cove Planning Scheme S 32.3.8)**

- From the Cenotaph toward the mouth of the Derwent River, including the flat river plane that extends to the horizon; and
- From the Cenotaph to the horizon of the natural amphitheatre, including the Wellington Range descending to the Mt Nelson Ridge, then to Porter Hill and down to the waterplane at Long Point, Lower Sandy Bay; and
- From the Cenotaph to St George's Church; and
- From the Cenotaph to Parliament House forecourt along Morrison Street; and
- The views across the Cove toward the Cenotaph, including from Macquarie Street, the forecourt of Princes Wharf No 1 Shed; the paddock between Princess Wharf No 1 Shed and the Institute for Marine and Antarctic Studies (IMAS), Runnymede Street and the open space at the Eastern end of the IMAS building; and
- The view of the sunrise from the grounds of the Cenotaph, especially on ANZAC Day; and
- To and from Sullivans Cove and Derwent River aligning NE/SW; and
- From the Royal Engineers Building to Kangaroo Bay; and
- Along the Key Public Space; and
- To and from the Key Public Space and Cove Floor to the Cenotaph; and
- To and from Davey Street and the entry to the Key Public Space.

#### **AFL Team/Stadium**

- The RSL has always fully supported Tasmania having its own AFL team.
- We are fully aware that the State has been waiting decades for such an opportunity and we are excited to see it happen.
- We are also mindful of the social and economic benefits an AFL team will bring as demonstrated by the Jack Jumpers and the positive benefit this has had in the community.
- The RSL fully supports a stadium that does NOT unreasonably impact the historic, cultural, and spiritual significance of the Hobart Cenotaph.

#### **Mac Pt 1.0 Stadium**

- The Government's 1.0 stadium proposal will dwarf a treasured monument, the oldest of all the State Cenotaphs.

- It will block critical views including down the Derwent River, across to St George's Church in Battery Point and to Parliament House and Princes Wharf No 1 Shed that were all a prerequisite in the Cenotaph's design.
- The continued lack of critical detail is of grave concern and great frustration to the RSL; our three questions have remained the same from day one.
- Very recently we were concerned to learn from the CEO of the Macquarie Point Development Corporation (MPDC) that it has proposed to locate the stadium less than 95 metres from the base of the Cenotaph. This is sadly what we always thought but were never told.
- The above disclosure came in the wake of RSL's further complaint to Ms. Beach after studying the comments from herself and the Architect following the announcement of their recent comments about the proposed design on the ABC.
- It is clear to us that the current plan will ignore heritage, cultural and spiritual significance of the Cenotaph and of the sight lines that were critical to the Cenotaph design and location in 1925, which are clearly laid out in the *Sullivans Cove Planning Scheme 1997*.
- The RSL is in no doubt that building Stadium 1.0 will destroy the historic, cultural, and spiritual significance of the Cenotaph.
- As custodians of such a sacred place we cannot stand by and do nothing.

#### **Mac Pt 2.0 Stadium**

- RSL Tasmania Board Members unanimously support Stadium 2.0 as proposed by the Stadium Precinct Consortia (SPC) because it has no direct negative effect on the Cenotaph.
- The designs that SPC have shared with us covered off our critical concerns.
- There is no unreasonable impact on the important sight lines that are critical to the Cenotaph's design and location.
- Furthermore, SPC's consideration of support services for the RSL presents an opportunity to inject funds into the statewide operations of the RSL as we endeavour to make Tasmania a place where Veterans and their families can thrive.

#### **What can Parliament do?**

- RSL Tasmania has lost trust and faith in the MPDC to protect the historic, cultural, and spiritual significance of the Cenotaph.
- Because of their insistence in building a bulky roofed stadium that will stand at least 45 to 55 metres high virtually 'on top of' the Cenotaph at ground level.
- Even though there is an alternative option (Stadium 2.0) that can deliver an AFL standard stadium that is supported by RSL Tasmania and some of the wider Tasmanian community.

- So, we have no option other than to ask Parliament to legislate to protect the Cenotaph by disallowing developments that unreasonably impact its historic, cultural, and spiritual significance.
- We don't take this decision lightly but have been left with no other alternative now that the Government has made it clear that it has instructed architects to design a stadium to be sited no further than 95 metres from the Cenotaph.
- We believe currently that a stadium that complies with the requirements in the AFL Agreement means that based on other stadiums around the world it will be an extremely tall structure between 45 and 55 meters high, unless of course they decided to dig down. Our understanding is that the ground at the site will be capped, so this option is not possible.

## Conclusion

RSL Tasmania thanks you in anticipation of your support to assist us in protecting this sacred monument. A monument that continues to express Tasmanian's thanks and appreciation to all those who have served our country with distinction.

As Ian Terry put it, and let us be ever mindful that, **"The site of the Hobart War Memorial was chosen specifically for its conspicuous location which would make it a focal point for the city and constantly remind its citizens of the debt it owed to war veterans."**

Yours sincerely

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**From:** Young, Dean  
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**Subject:** RE: Cenotaph sight lines

Thanks for letting me know and the extra information.

Regards

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Adviser – Veterans' Affairs

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**Subject:** Cenotaph sight lines

Good morning, Dean

For transparency, I have this morning sent this to Labour and the Greens, so that they may both discuss at their planned meetings today.




The two PDF's outline high and sight lines

John



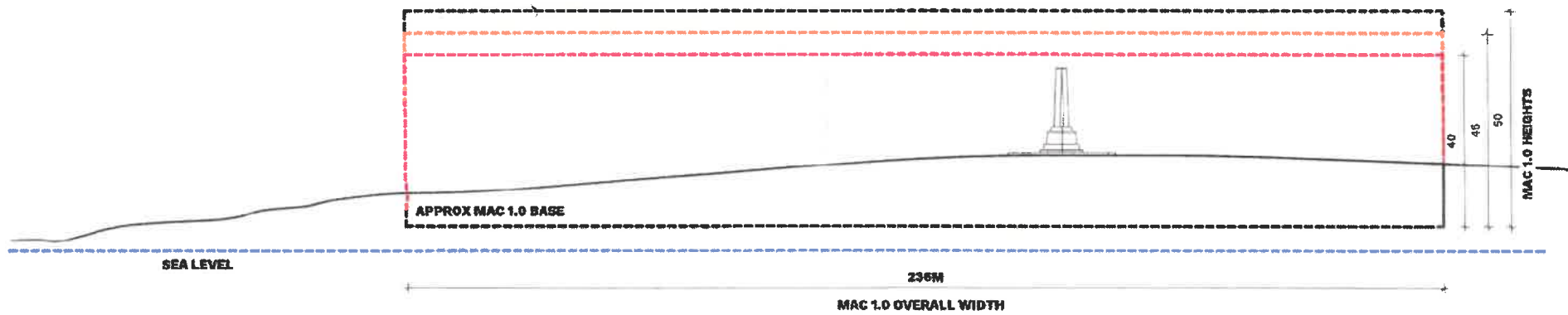
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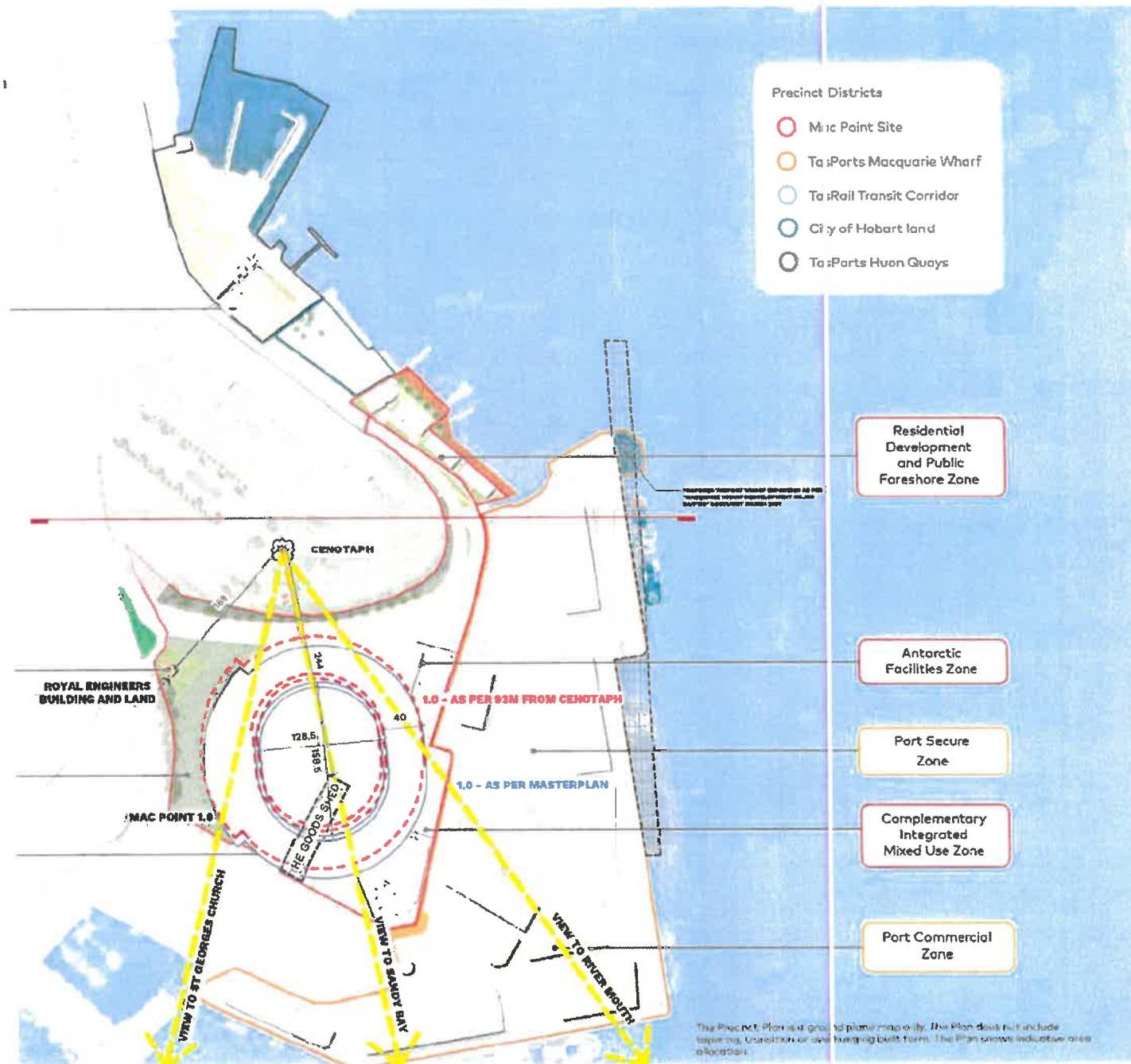
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Dear Mr Hardy,

Pleaser find attached a letter from Minister Barnett in regards to you briefing paper.

Regards,

**Dean Young**  
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Mr John Hardy  
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Dear Mr Hardy, *John*

Thank you for providing my office with a copy of RSL Tasmania's briefing paper in relation to the Mac Point Precinct development and the Hobart Cenotaph.

Firstly, as Minister for Veterans' Affairs, I want to acknowledge the importance of the Cenotaph as a place of remembrance for Tasmanian veterans. Tasmanians have a proud and distinguished history of military service, with over 17,500 veterans and ex-serving personnel living in the state. Our Government deeply respects our veterans and the sacrifices they made for the freedoms we enjoy.

The Tasmanian Planning Commission have appointed an independent panel of experts to undertake an assessment of the Mac Point Multipurpose Stadium. The assessment process will provide an opportunity for you to raise your concerns about the potential impact of the project on the Cenotaph. The Project of State Significance assessment process will include significant public consultation with key stakeholders, such as the RSL. The independent panel will prepare an integrated assessment report which will include consideration of heritage and cultural impacts of the project.

Furthermore, as you would be aware the *State Policies and Projects Act 1993* has been amended to ensure that the Parliament can have its say on this project.

I want to assure you that sight lines to and from the Cenotaph, as set out in the Sullivans Cove Planning Scheme 1997, are key design considerations for the precinct and the multipurpose stadium. We have contracted our lead design consultants to carefully consider the stadiums design, materials, and integration with the landscape, to ensure the Cenotaph is honoured and respected.

I am pleased to reiterate the offer for you to meet with the Macquarie Point Development Corporation, and the lead designers to raise your concerns and seek to address any questions.

We are currently developing the concept designs and would welcome the opportunity to present and discuss these with you.

Our aim is to invite people to remember and celebrate our service personnel, both past and present, throughout the year.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Guy Barnett', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Hon Guy Barnett MP  
Minister for Veterans' Affairs

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**From:** Young, Dean  
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**Subject:** RE: Mac Point Precinct Development and Hobart Cenotaph

Thanks John,

I acknowledge receipt of the receipt of the letter and appreciate you sending it through.

Regards,

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Good evening, Dean.

Thank you for your letter, I must however highlight that the letter to you was for courtesy, and only for note, we have sat with the Greens and some independents, and they have agreed to work with us to put our request forward.

We believe the legislation is needed to protect the sight lines and the Cenotaph, we have grave concerns with the MPDA and how this is being briefed to the public, particularly after finding out that the Cenotaph will be less than 95 meters from the Stadium.

I also include a letter written today to the CEO of the AFL, again for transparency only.

As I told the CEO of MPDA only two weeks ago I am happy to meet, again clearly that is not being briefed to either you or the minister.

I will call you tomorrow

Kind regards



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21 May 2024

Andrew Dillon  
CEO  
Australian Football League  
GPO Box 1449  
Melbourne Victoria 3001

Dear Sir,

### **Hobart Cenotaph**

The Hobart Cenotaph has historic, cultural, and spiritual significance. It is a prominent landmark and was purposely sited to command important sight lines across Hobart, including down the Derwent River. No development should be permitted that obscures the Cenotaph from these sight lines.

RSL Tasmania has always fully supported Tasmania having its own AFL teams. We are fully aware that the State has been waiting decades for such an opportunity and we are excited to see it happen.

RSL Tasmania fully supports a stadium that does NOT unreasonably impact the historic, cultural, and spiritual significance of the Hobart Cenotaph.

RSL Tasmania believe Stadium 1.0 proposal will dwarf a treasured monument, the oldest of all the State Cenotaphs. It will block critical views including, down the Derwent River, to Battery Point and to Parliament House.

However, the RSL State Board unanimously support Stadium 2.0 as proposed by the Stadium Precinct Consortia because it has no direct negative effect on the Cenotaph. And it will support any Stadium that does not impact our sacred ground.

RSL Tasmania has lost trust and faith in the Macquarie Point Development Authority to protect the Cenotaph. Please understand we are duty bound, and I am sure you will therefore appreciate, we cannot stand by and do nothing. We have no other option, other than to ask State Parliament to legislate to

protect the Cenotaph by disallowing developments that unreasonably impact its historic, cultural, and spiritual significance.

As historian Ian Terry put it, and let us be ever mindful that;

**"The site of the Hobart War Memorial was chosen specifically for its conspicuous location which would make it a focal point for the city and constantly remind its citizens of the debt it owed to war veterans."**

The attached Cenotaph Briefing Paper and sight line maps further explains our deep concerns.

RSL Tasmania hopes that the AFL shares our concerns and will use its influence with the Tasmanian Government to make sure that the new stadium design and location respects the Cenotaph.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Hardy', with a stylized flourish at the end.

John Hardy  
CEO  
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## Young, Dean

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**From:** Young, Dean  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 21 May 2024 4:32 PM  
**To:** John Hardy  
**Subject:** RSL & Mac point Meeting

Hi John,

I have just sent you a meeting request for next Thursday. Let me know if it isn't suitable at all. Also please feel free to invite your president Barry Quinn along if that is worthwhile.

I appreciate you taking the time to chat this afternoon.

Regards

Dean Young  
Senior Adviser – Veterans' Affairs

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**Media Release  
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## **RSL calls for legislative protection of historic Cenotaph**

**Hobart, Tasmania, June 13, 2024** – The Cenotaph, a site of immense historic, cultural, and spiritual significance for all Tasmanians — particularly veterans and current service personnel — faces a critical threat from the proposed Mac 1.0 stadium project.

This sacred monument, which has been the heart of memorial services since 1919 and will mark its centennial as Australia's oldest state war memorial next year, must be preserved.

TMAG historian and conservator Ian Terry captured its importance in his Conservation Assessment prepared for the Hobart City Council: "It is a place symbolic of national identity and sacrifice," he wrote.

While the RSL wholeheartedly supports Tasmania having an AFL team, we strongly oppose the Government's current stadium proposal.

The proposed stadium would dwarf the strategically located Cenotaph and obstruct essential sightlines from the River Derwent to Battery Point, Parliament House, and Princes Wharf No 1. These sightlines, particularly during the dawning of the sun, are critical to the Cenotaph's significance and are protected under the Sullivans Cove Planning Scheme.

Despite our repeated representations to the Macquarie Point Development Corporation (MPDC), our concerns have been ignored. The planned location of Mac 1.0, less than 95m from the base of the Cenotaph, represents a profound disregard for our historic monument.

As a result, the RSL has lost all trust and faith in the MPDC's commitment to preserving and honouring the Cenotaph.

In response, we have taken decisive action by sending a briefing paper to all members of Parliament, urging the passage of special legislation to protect the Cenotaph.

We welcome the Greens' decision to introduce such legislation, drafted in consultation with the RSL and the broader community, before it is debated later this year.

To clarify, the RSL has always supported Tasmania having an AFL team and does not oppose the construction of a stadium near the Cenotaph, provided it does not unreasonably impact the monument's sightlines or its historical, cultural, and spiritual significance.

Today, we would respectfully ask that if the Government wants to build a stadium nearby to the Cenotaph it engages constructively with Stadium 2.0 and finalise an agreement that achieves a WIN-WIN outcome: the protection of the Cenotaph and a permanent new home for the Tassie Devils.

<ENDS>

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**Subject:** RSL Tasmania letter to the Premier July 18 2024  
**Attachments:** RSL Tasmania Letter to Premier of Tasmania July 18 2024 re Stadium.docx

Good morning, Premier.

Please find attached correspondence concerning the Stadium.

With Respect



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July 18, 2024

The Hon Jeremy Rockliff MP  
Premier of Tasmania  
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Hobart. 7000 Tasmania

Dear Premier,

I write to remind you of the historic, cultural and spiritual significance of the Hobart Cenotaph to the Tasmanian community, especially to returned and current service personnel and their families.

The Cenotaph was purposely sited on vital ground in 1925 to command important sight lines. The sight lines to the Derwent Estuary, Battery Point and St Georges Church will be blocked by the stadium 1.0 plans that have been released publicly. These impacts cannot be avoided because of the height and bulk of the stadium. At 54m high and only 96m from the Cenotaph the stadium will dwarf the Cenotaph.

RSL Tasmania has been clear and steadfast from the start, it has always known the stadium would dominate the Cenotaph and we have always known it would destroy key sightlines. The RSL has been disrespected and misled at every turn, be that by State growth, MPDC or Cox Architecture, with the former telling us it would be no more than 40 meters high at our congress in 2023 and the latter stating only 6 weeks ago in a meeting with us that it would be six stories.

Premier Sir, the very essence of the Cenotaph is its sightlines, to destroy these sightlines is to desecrate, humiliate and play little more than lip service to our sacred place.

**The Cenotaph is a sacred place. RSL Tasmania cannot and will not stand by and do nothing.**

No development should be permitted that obscures the Cenotaph from these sight lines. Sight lines which have been rightly protected by the Sullivans Cove planning scheme for decades.

Premier, at the launch of the stadium 1.0 design, the Minister for Sport and Events, Nic Street pledged that the Tasmanian government *"wouldn't be interested in building something that wasn't sympathetic to the Cenotaph."*

RSL Tasmania now calls on you to honour that pledge. And in doing so to -

- To acknowledge that the MPDC stadium 1.0 design desecrates the Cenotaph.
- To acknowledge that the stadium 1.0 design destroys important sight lines currently protected by the Sullivans Cove planning scheme.
- To acknowledge that the height and bulk of stadium 1.0 situated in front of and so close to the Cenotaph will 'invade' the space and negatively impact its cultural and spiritual significance.

RSL Tasmania supports Tasmania having its own AFL team. We are mindful of the social and economic benefits it will bring. It is for that reason we have worked closely with the Stadium Precinct Consortia (SPC) over many months to get a design for stadium 2.0 that we can endorse. I am pleased to confirm that stadium 2.0 has our support.

We are aware the SPC has lodged a formal submission with the government that is fully costed and fully funded. We ask you to adopt this proposal and abandon any further consideration of stadium 1.0.

Finally, we ask that you agree to meet with our President and myself at your earliest convenience, so that we can present our concerns in person to you.

For transparency this letter will be sent to all Tasmanian State and Federal MP's

Yours sincerely



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Thanks John, I have just sent you a message. The Minister is in Launceston on Friday, so would be via video.

We have had a cancellation in the Ministers diary for tomorrow at either 10:45 or 11:15 if either of those times are suitable for you and Barry.

Regards

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**Subject:** Meeting with Minister

Morning Dean

Barry can meet the minister around Lunch time if that Suits on Friday

Send me a calendar invite.



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**From:** John Hardy <John.Hardy@rsltas.org.au>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 25 July 2024 2:40 PM  
**To:** Young, Dean  
**Subject:** Agender for tomorrow

Hi Dean

Stadium is what it is, and we are, where we are, the State Government has its stand point and we have ours, sadly although through no fault of your, this has been poorly managed. I suppose what is disappointing is the rhetoric that is still coming and is fanning the flames. With this in mind I will present the Cenotaph bill to the minister tomorrow. We do believe the minister is stuck between a rock and a hard place, he has always been respectful as we have been to him, however we do not believe beyond him it is so strong, this is not our opinion it is the observations of actions of people that work with or for State government.

We both agree that outside this issue there is much to do to make Tasmania a place where Veterans and their families can thrive, I would suggest that we concentrate in these areas and prove to all that although we disagree in one area, we are both duty bound to work together, for good veteran outcomes which I hope everyone wants.

Some things to consider

- Engineers building
- Veteran housing and linking in to Acute housing grant and any possible housing in the Mac 1.0
- Veteran discounts to all white card across a field of areas, these are small costs with huge outcomes, currently Tasmania continues to lag behind other states.
- In State mental health facilities for Veterans/first responders
- Incarceration of veterans and how we can help them.
- With State support, more visibility of the Veteran Housing program
- Making Liberal politicians more aware of what we do, we do feel that beyond the minister they still think we are Pot, Parmer's and Pokies.

Kind regards

John



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**To:** John Hardy <John.Hardy@rsltas.org.au>  
**Subject:** RE: "RSL wants laws to protect Cenotaph from being 'dwarfed' by Macquarie Point stadium"

Thanks John, I have read it.

In regards to tomorrow's meeting I don't have an official agenda – meeting is about what we can do re stadium and honouring cenotaph and respecting RSL Tas.

Regards

Dean Young  
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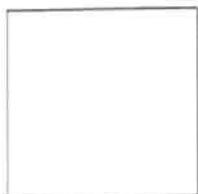


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**Subject:** FW: "RSL wants laws to protect Cenotaph from being 'dwarfed' by Macquarie Point stadium"

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# RSL wants laws to protect Cenotaph from being 'dwarfed' by Macquarie Point stadium

The national arm of the RSL says legislation should be drafted to protect the Hobart Cenotaph from the impact of inappropriate development like the proposed AFL stadium.



Government-supplied render of one view of proposed Macquarie Point stadium.

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The organisation representing the nation's ex-service personnel says legislation should be drafted to protect the Hobart Cenotaph from the impact of inappropriate development like the proposed AFL stadium.

RSL Australia Deputy President Duncan Anderson has backed local veterans' concerns about the proposal, saying the Hobart Cenotaph is a sacred site for veterans, their families and for all Tasmanians.



RSL Australia Deputy President Duncan Anderson

He said the site's heritage values as well as its cultural and spiritual significance must be respected and protected for all time.

"As custodians of this sacred site, RSL Australia and its state branch cannot stand by and allow the Cenotaph to be impacted in this way," he said.

"It is a prominent Hobart landmark commanding important sightlines across Hobart and is listed on the Tasmanian Heritage Register.

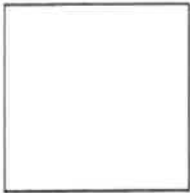
“Undoubtedly, it is of great historic heritage significance, marking the service and sacrifice of Tasmanians in wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations around the world over more than a century.

“It was purposely sited to command important sightlines across the city and down the Derwent River and many of these would be destroyed and the Cenotaph dwarfed by Stadium 1.0.”

RSL Tasmania CEO John Hardy has [written to Premier Jeremy Rockliff](#) pointing out that the construction of the stadium would “desecrate, humiliate and play little more than lip service to our sacred place.”

He urged the government to move the proposed stadium.

Mr Anderson called for better protection for the site – the nation’s oldest capital city war memorial.



CEO of RSL Tasmania John Hardy at Hobart Cenotaph. Picture: Linda Higginson.

The first Anzac Day service was held there in 1916, just one year after the Gallipoli landings.

“RSL Australia encourages the government to consult with RSL Tasmania and stands ready to work with the parliament to develop appropriate legislation to protect Tasmania’s sacred monument to our war veterans and service personnel,” he said.

“The national league supports the introduction of Tasmanian legislation similar to that applying in other states, to protect its sanctity and heritage.

He said the RSL supported Tasmania having teams in the national AFL men’s and women’s competitions but it should not and cannot impact the sacred values of the Cenotaph.






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**From:** Young, Dean  
**Sent:** Friday, 26 July 2024 11:23 AM  
**To:** John Hardy  
**Subject:** Re: Cenotaph Bill

Thank you.

Dean

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**Sent:** Friday, July 26, 2024 11:21:37 AM  
**To:** Young, Dean <Dean.Young@dpac.tas.gov.au>  
**Subject:** Cenotaph Bill

Dean

As promised

Kind regards

john



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**Sent:** Thursday, 1 August 2024 11:25 AM  
**To:** Young, Dean  
**Subject:** Stadium Cenotaph  
**Attachments:** Cenotaph Stadium Package\_240726\_compressed.pdf

This is for you and the minister

To be fair the architect that did our view, up to now their scale has been spot on and are doing it from view from sightlines

Remember the escarpment is only 18 meters high, anything above that protrudes, so the remaining 36 meters protrudes above and is in full sight.



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Image 1. Shown without Stadium



Image 1. Shown with Stadium



St George's Church  
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Red lines indicate  
extent of image 2



Image 2. Shown without Stadium





Image 2. Shown with Stadium

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**From:** John Hardy <John.Hardy@rsltas.org.au>  
**Sent:** Monday, 5 August 2024 12:18 PM  
**To:** Young, Dean  
**Subject:** FW: CONFIRMED | Meeting with RSL Tasmania regarding Macquarie Point Stadium, Thursday 8 August 2024, Ref#MIN24/167020

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**Cc:** Debbie Grice <Debbie.Grice@rsltas.org.au>; Events, Premier <Premier.Events@dpac.tas.gov.au>  
**Subject:** RE: CONFIRMED | Meeting with RSL Tasmania regarding Macquarie Point Stadium, Thursday 8 August 2024, Ref#MIN24/167020

Good morning, Mandy

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the letter which led to this meeting, we will also be outlining our support for Mac.2.0 which does not affect the Cenotaph's spiritual and religious sightlines, or any aspect of the Sullivans cove planning scheme.

Please reach out if you would like to discuss any other points with us on the day.

Kind regards

John



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**Cc:** Debbie Grice <Debbie.Grice@rsltas.org.au>; Events, Premier <Premier.Events@dpac.tas.gov.au>  
**Subject:** CONFIRMED | Meeting with RSL Tasmania regarding Macquarie Point Stadium, Thursday 8 August 2024, Ref#MIN24/167020

Good afternoon John and Mike

Apologies for the delay on responding to you but I have been on leave.

I am pleased to advise that the Premier, the Hon Jeremy Rockliff MP, has agreed to your request for a meeting noting the following:

- Date – Thursday 8 August 2024
  - Time – 5.00pm to 5.30pm (30 minute meeting)
  - Location – Premier's Office, Parliament House, Hobart
- As this meeting is being held on a Parliament sitting day, you will need to present to the security desk to receive your visitor passes and then someone from the Premier's Office will take you through to the meeting room I have booked.

Due to Parliamentary proceedings, there is a possibility the Premier may be called into the Chamber during the meeting or become unavailable to attend at short notice. Should this occur the meeting will remain as scheduled and will continue with the Chief of Staff Ned Whitehouse. Of course, I can look to reschedule if required and I will remain in contact on the day should an adjustment need to be made. I appreciate your understanding.

Unfortunately I am unable to send a meeting request from the Premier's diary so can you please ensure that this meeting is noted in your own diary.

Could you please also provide the following details in relation to your meeting within the next 48 hours:

Purpose of Meeting (please confirm or update the following detail):	Discussion on Macquarie Point Stadium  <i>Note: - Please provide additional information if required</i>
Attendees: (complete for each attendee)	Name: John Hardy Title: CEO Company: RSL Tasmania Mobile:  Name: Mike Gallagher Title: Acting President Company: RSL Tasmania Mobile:

Additionally, if there is further information or material that you would like to provide the Premier with before your meeting, please attach and send where possible.

We look forward to receiving your confirmation and extra information as outlined above.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Kind regards  
Mandy

**Mandy Brown**  
**Executive Officer**

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**Cc:** Mike Gallagher <[mikegall55@gmail.com](mailto:mikegall55@gmail.com)>; Debbie Grice <[Debbie.Grice@rsltas.org.au](mailto:Debbie.Grice@rsltas.org.au)>  
**Subject:** RE: TENTATIVE | Meeting with RSL Tasmania regarding Macquarie Point Stadium, Tuesday 13 August 2024, Ref#MIN24/167020

Good morning, Mandy

Could Mike and myself please take the first date 8<sup>th</sup> Aug at 1700 please



May I ask you to send me an invite for my Calander

John



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**To:** John Hardy <John.Hardy@rsltas.org.au>  
**Subject:** TENTATIVE | Meeting with RSL Tasmania regarding Macquarie Point Stadium, Tuesday 13 August 2024, Ref#MIN24/167020

Good afternoon John

The Premier has kindly requested that I contact you to arrange a meeting to discuss the Macquarie Point Stadium.

The Premier would like to meet with you and I would like to offer the following dates and times:

Thursday 8 August 2024 at 5.00pm in the Premier's Office, Parliament House, Hobart or  
Tuesday 13 August 2024 at 11.00am in the Premier's Office, Level 11, 15 Murray Street, Hobart

Please let me know if one of the above dates and times suit and I will lock it in the Premier's diary and send you a confirmation email. Both these dates and times will be held in the Premier's diary until I hear back from you.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Kind regards

Mandy

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**Sent:** Thursday, July 18, 2024 10:37 AM  
**To:** Rockliff, Jeremy <[Jeremy.Rockliff@dpac.tas.gov.au](mailto:Jeremy.Rockliff@dpac.tas.gov.au)>  
**Cc:** Lee.anderon@DPAC.TAS.GOV.AU; Young, Dean <[Dean.Young@dpac.tas.gov.au](mailto:Dean.Young@dpac.tas.gov.au)>; Debbie Grice <[Debbie.Grice@rsltas.org.au](mailto:Debbie.Grice@rsltas.org.au)>  
**Subject:** RSL Tasmania letter to the Premier July 18 2024

Good morning, Premier.

Please find attached correspondence concerning the Stadium.

With Respect



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**From:** John Hardy <John.Hardy@rsltas.org.au>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 13 August 2024 10:56 AM  
**To:** Young, Dean  
**Subject:** Media Advisory | 12:00pm Hobart | Vica Bayley MP

**Tasmanian Greens**  
**MEDIA ADVISORY**



**Vica Bayley MP**  
Greens Veterans Affairs spokesperson

The Tasmanian Greens will today release a consultation draft of the *Hobart Cenotaph Bill 2024*, for feedback from stakeholders and the community over a six week period.

Drafted at the request of RSL Tasmania, and with the concept endorsed by RSL Australia and Friends of Soldiers Memorial Avenue, the bill ensures that long-standing protections for the values of the Cenotaph are maintained. It enshrines the special values of the Cenotaph in law and ensures that all developments, no matter how they are assessed, must comply.

While the Bill has been prompted by the Macquarie Point stadium and the unwillingness of the Rockliff government to accept and act on the concerns of RSL Tasmania, it applies to any development that could impact on the Cenotaph.

Greens Veterans Affairs spokesperson Vica Bayley MP will be available to speak to the media.

**DATE:** 13 August 2024  
**TIME:** 12:00pm  
**VENUE:** Parliament Lawns, Hobart  
**ATTENDING:** Vica Bayley MP

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The Tasmanian Greens acknowledge the palawa/pakana people as the traditional owners and modern custodians of lutruwita/Tasmania. We pay our deep respect to Elders past and present. We acknowledge the First Tasmanians never ceded their sovereignty over this island, and we are committed to Treaty, the return of lands and changing the date of Australia Day.

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## Young, Dean

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**From:** Young, Dean  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 14 August 2024 12:39 PM  
**To:** John Hardy  
**Cc:** Michael Gallagher  
**Subject:** RE: Mac1.0

Thanks John,

I appreciate you putting these thoughts down. I will pass on to the Minister and we can work on a way to keep moving forward.

Many thanks

**Dean Young**  
Senior Adviser ~ Veterans' Affairs  
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**Sent:** Wednesday, August 14, 2024 12:07 PM  
**To:** Young, Dean <Dean.Young@dpac.tas.gov.au>  
**Cc:** Michael Gallagher <Michael.Gallagher@rsltas.org.au>  
**Subject:** Mac1.0

Good morning, Dean

I thought it prudent to put in words some thoughts and a way forward after the meeting with the Premier and the MVA last Thursday at Parliament.

In regard to working with the state government in a way forward regarding the Stadium, "we should be working together", indeed RSL Tas has always tried to, sadly up to now the questions have never been asked or heard by either MPDC or State Growth, we wholeheartedly welcome the chance to work with you around Mac1.0 on the clear understanding that this is all "no strings attached" as our members do not support the location of Mac1.0.

The areas we think we should be working on are.

- Veteran housing as part of the build, and this housing would be controlled and be part of our Veterans services.
- Reduced rates of entry for Veterans and the families, based of a card system, white card, gold card, RSL members card etc, etc.
- An RSL Museum on site
- Naming of the Stands, such as a Cenotaph end and Veterans end and naming sections after Tas VC winners
- Recognition of Service at the start of every event
- Veteran led business being given priority in regard to food services and other soft services at the Venue
- ANZAC day profits going back into Veteran services as part of our Veteran Hub.

I am sure there will be others, but as you can see are requests are based around commemoration, mateship and financing and delivering much needed Veteran Services which Tasmania is in much need of.

Kind regards

John



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**Sent:** Wednesday, 14 August 2024 1:55 PM  
**To:** 'John.Hardy@rsltas.org.au'  
**Cc:** Barnett, Guy; Street, Nic; The Premier  
**Subject:** Letter from the Premier, the Hon Jeremy Rockliff MP  
**Attachments:** PREMIER OUTGOING - RSL Tasmania - J Hardy and M Gallagher - 14 August 2024.pdf

Dear Mr Hardy and Mr Gallagher

Please find attached a letter from the Premier, the Hon Jeremy Rockliff MP.

Kind regards

Carol

**Carol Jones**  
Manager - Premier and Ministerial Services

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PREMIER OF TASMANIA

14 August 2024

Mr John Hardy  
Chief Executive Officer  
RSL Tasmania  
By email – [John.Hardy@rsltas.org.au](mailto:John.Hardy@rsltas.org.au)

Mr Michael Gallagher  
Vice President  
RSL Tasmania

Dear John and Michael

I would like to thank you for our productive meeting last Thursday and your correspondence regarding the impact of the proposed multipurpose stadium at Macquarie Point on the Cenotaph.

I appreciate the concerns you have raised about the cultural and spiritual significance of the Cenotaph to the Tasmanian community, especially our returned and current service personnel and their families.

As expressed at our meeting, the Government's preferred location for the multipurpose stadium—remains Macquarie Point. There are many reasons for this, including cost to taxpayers and environmental impact, which were carefully considered alongside the impact on the sightlines from the Cenotaph.

I understand that Macquarie Point Development Corporation is currently developing their submission for the Tasmanian Planning Commission. The guidelines that the Tasmanian Planning Commission prepared for the assessment of the multipurpose stadium as a Project of State Significance include consideration of the sightlines as set out in the Sullivans Cove Planning Scheme, and these will form part of the assessment process.

I have also asked the Minister for Veterans' Affairs, Hon Guy Barnett MP, and the Macquarie Point Development Corporation to work with you to try to lessen this impact through design improvements and possible enhancements to the Cenotaph.

Having listened carefully to the RSL's concerns, I acknowledge that the Government and the RSL may never agree on the preferred location for the multipurpose stadium. Notwithstanding this, I remain absolutely committed to ensuring that, should the Tasmanian Parliament approve the multipurpose stadium, it is designed and delivered in a way that benefits, honours, and respects our returned and current service personnel and their families.

One way to achieve this could be through the development of a Good Neighbour Agreement. I have no predetermined view on what this Agreement could contain but I know that my Minister Barnett is eager to work with you over the coming weeks and months.

If the RSL was open to this, I will ensure that Macquarie Point Development Corporation, Cox Architects, and all relevant State Government agencies are available to work with you and the Minister on your ideas and recommendations.

I do not expect that this Agreement will alter the RSL's position on the location for the multipurpose stadium. I respect your position and the returned and current service personnel who share this view.

What I do want to ensure is that the opportunities presented through this project, are used to benefit our Veterans, and honor and respect their service and sacrifice.

I look forward to continuing to engage with you on this important issue.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jeremy Rockliff', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Jeremy Rockliff**  
**Premier**

Cc Hon. Guy Barnett MP, Minister for Veterans Affairs  
Hon. Nic Street MP, Minister for Sports and Events



## Young, Dean

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**From:** John Hardy <John.Hardy@rsltas.org.au>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 15 August 2024 12:07 PM  
**To:** Young, Dean  
**Subject:** RE: Mac1.0

Hi Dean

Sorry it was missing the first point, which I did not notice



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**To:** John Hardy <John.Hardy@rsltas.org.au>  
**Cc:** Michael Gallagher <Michael.Gallagher@rsltas.org.au>  
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Thanks John,

I appreciate you putting these thoughts down. I will pass on to the Minister and we can work on a way to keep moving forward.

Many thanks

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Good morning, Dean

I thought it prudent to put in words some thoughts and a way forward after the meeting with the Premier and the MVA last Thursday at Parliament.

In regard to working with the state government in a way forward regarding the Stadium, "we should be working together", indeed RSL Tas has always tried to, sadly up to now the questions have never been asked or heard by either MPDC or State Growth, we wholeheartedly welcome the chance to work with you around Mac1.0 on the clear understanding that this is all "no strings attached" as our members do not support the location of Mac1.0.

The areas we think we should be working on are.

- Veteran employment for the build, to include recruiting, training and upskilling, and set a government quoter
- Veteran housing as part of the build, and this housing would be controlled and be part of our Veterans services.
- Reduced rates of entry for Veterans and the families, based of a card system, white card, gold card, RSL members card etc, etc.
- An RSL Museum on site
- Naming of the Stands, such as a Cenotaph end and Veterans end and naming sections after Tas VC winners
- Recognition of Service at the start of every event
- Veteran led business being given priority in regard to food services and other soft services at the Venue
- ANZAC day profits going back into Veteran services as part of our Veteran Hub.

I am sure there will be others, but as you can see are requests are based around commemoration, mateship and financing and delivering much needed Veteran Services which Tasmania is in much need of.

Kind regards

John



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**From:** Young, Dean  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 21 August 2024 7:39 PM  
**To:** John Hardy  
**Cc:** Mignot, Amber  
**Subject:** Additional renders  
**Attachments:** original-3D857019-593E-4AE6-96BF-5AC6CC805208.jpeg; original-0304D045-EB09-4874-8567-FF4F57C7F253.jpeg

Hi John. Apologies I was supposed to send these through this afternoon.

These will be release tomorrow (Thursday).

Regards

Dean young

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John



Need to make sure we exceed  
your timetable.

Wed, 8 May at 1:21 PM

Dean, just want to keep you in the  
loop, ABC have requested an  
interview on the Stadium today.  
This is probably due to the Labour  
Party's new stand on it.

To be transparent

The RSL will not comment on  
political ongoings of any party

But if asked we will reaffirm our  
position on the Mac point  
stadium.

Thanks for letting me know.

Thu, 9 May at 9:24 AM

Not relevant



if this is not





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John



Not relevant

Tue, 21 May at 12:29 PM

I will give you a ring in a bit. I have been asked to determine your availability for a meeting next week in regards to MAC point.

Either Wednesday or Thursday

Cheers

Tue, 21 May at 1:54 PM

Thanks Dean, I know this must be a right royal pain in the arse.

Not relevant



Message





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John



Excellent.

4 Replies

Are you in the meeting on  
Thursday about the stadium

Yes. I planned to be.

Excellent.

4 Replies

Mate, please tell them to be  
honest, no spin at all

Yeah ok. I will have a word  
tomorrow.

Excellent.

4 Replies

You can not bullshit a bullshitter !!



Hey I'm not that bad



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John



Mate, be aware next Thursday/  
Friday we will be making a public  
announcement about the act that  
we are trying to push through to  
protect the cenotaph. It will be in  
conjunction with the greens,  
although I have already said I  
cannot stand beside them at the  
press release but can talk after  
them about why we are doing it.

I believe that is two weeks

Not relevant

Thu, 13 Jun at 8:58 AM

Sorry just in meeting will call back  
asap

Wed, 10 Jul at 9:29 AM

Morning. I am hoping today is  
your day back and I haven't got it  
wrong. Would love to catch up  
when you have a few mins.

Also hope you've had a great



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John



Tue, 23 Jul at 10:42 AM

Would you and your president be available for a meeting Friday morning.

Tue, 23 Jul at 12:58 PM

Sent you a email

Thanks. Got it. Just finalising with diary. Appreciate the quick turnaround.

Tue, 23 Jul at 2:15 PM

Ok so Friday was going to end up a video meeting with minister which I don't really want. Being the pain in the bum I am. Could you do tomorrow either 10.45 or 11.15.

Tue, 23 Jul at 4:02 PM

Afternoon. Sorry I am not trying to annoy you whilst you are working interstate. If I haven't heard by 4.30 I will assume (which I thought anyway) that tomorrow is a no go and that we are on for Fridays meeting. I appreciate



Message



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John



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Afternoon. Sorry I am not trying to annoy you whilst you are working interstate. If I haven't heard by 4.30 I will assume (which I thought anyway) that tomorrow is a no go and that we are on for Fridays meeting. I appreciate you're patience

Ok Friday it is

Righto. Thanks

It will be with minister via video. Did you still want to come in to this office

I will get diary manager to send you the invite for Friday.

No worries

Thanks again. Appreciate it.

Fri, 26 Jul at 11:25 AM

Thanks form legislation. Is this public as of now?



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John

Thu, 1 Aug at 10:27 AM

Just me again letting you know the renders we gave you have been released.

Thu, 1 Aug at 11:53 AM

Dean call me please

On to it.

Mate, sorry buddy "in coming"

Ha. No probs.

To me or media generally

Media, just done channel 7, ABC later, mercury and advocate.

Mate I want you to know that I have made it very clear that the minister GB has stepped into the breach and is working with us.

Everybody else however is fair game

Im relating exactly this to chief of staff



Message



2:28

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John



Im relating exactly this to chief of staff.

Thu, 1 Aug at 2:17 PM

Sorry. I will make sure I follow up. I was trying to get the walk through. I was heading in to a meeting. I'll get back to you in an hour.

Thu, 1 Aug at 7:13 PM

Just gave you and GB a love fest on ABC drive time

I had heard thank you. I have the audio. Just haven't had a chance to listen about it board a plane for a couple of days off

Sat, 3 Aug at 11:36 AM

Not relevant



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 **Not relevant** now  
eh...

Tue, 13 Aug at 2:49 PM

Can you just confirm when you are expecting letter reply. I'm hurrying them up as we speak

Yes please Dean

Is today 5 days?

What from the meeting

cop 14th is 5 days

Yep. I will keep that to myself. Hoping to have it done today

Tue, 13 Aug at 4:35 PM

Have letter written just waiting for premier to sign. I just need absolute confirmation that tomorrow is still ok.

Please

Tomorrow is fine, mate. Close play tomorrow that's five days that's what we said.

Sent with Siri



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John >

Text Message  
Today 11:07 AM

You missed a call, but the caller  
didn't leave a message.

iMessage

Call me please mate

Five mins

Ok

Today 1:46 PM

Still not got the renders?

Ok. I'll chase. It has to come via  
MAC point.

And we agree to no release until  
Monday.

I've told them not to release over  
weekend. I believe we would tell  
you before we released them and  
vice versa.

Which i was told would happen.

Delivered

+ iMessage