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

Dear Prime Minister *Anthony*

I am writing to advise you that the Tasmanian Government intends to breach the Deed of Agreement between it and the Commonwealth for the \$240 million in funding for the Macquarie Point urban redevelopment.

As you would be aware, the Deed explicitly requires the federal funding to be invested in a range of urban renewal projects. This was echoed in comments by the Hon Julie Collins MP when she remarked that the funding is "about the broader precinct at Macquarie Point...which includes affordable housing and includes upgrades to the wharves to ensure Hobart remains the gateway to the Antarctic. This is an entire precinct plan..." (Mercury, 18 June 2025).

However, the final report of the Tasmanian Planning Commission inquiry into the proposed Macquarie Point AFL stadium, released this week, finds the stadium will "not support or promote integrated urban renewal of the Mac Point Site" (p57), "does nothing to support the delivery of housing as envisaged by the precinct plan..." (p58), and that the "...limited remaining land on the Mac Point Site mean that the objectives of many other elements of the Precinct Plan are either significantly compromised or unachievable..." (p59).

In other words the Tasmanian Government intends to knowingly breach its agreement with the Federal Government. Not only would that be an appalling failure of governance, it would also oblige the Federal Government to cancel the agreement and withdraw the funding. That would leave the State Government to borrow an additional \$240 million to build its unnecessary and unpopular stadium, and more importantly mean that the community misses out on a very welcome federal cash injection to fund the alternative potential of the site.

Yours sincerely

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