Honourable Josh Willie MP,
Leader of the Opposition,
Parliament House,
Hobart, 7000.

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Via email: josh.willie@parliament.tas.gov.au

Dear Mr Willie,

We write to request your support to modify the Parliamentary schedule to allow for appropriate scrutiny of tender arrangements for the Macquarie Point stadium prior to the project contract being signed.

In 2025, the Premier and the Treasurer committed to an $875 million cap on public expenditure to secure Parliamentary support for the stadium. Since that time there have been growing questions about whether that cap is still achievable, especially following sharp price rises in construction costs due to international conflict.

Over the course of this year, both Houses of Parliament have demonstrated their support for scrutinising stadium costs. In May, the House of Assembly passed a motion calling for updated costs to be provided. The government did not meet this request, citing risks to the procurement process.

In October, the Legislative Council passed a motion calling for costs associated with the project to be provided after the procurement process was complete, but before the contract was signed. The motion from each House received support from Members who had previously voted in support of the stadium, including Labor members.

Despite the Premier's commitment to cap the cost of the project, the passage of these motions, and the significance of the decision set to be taken, the current Parliamentary schedule will not allow for appropriate scrutiny of this project.

Whether one supports the stadium or not, all can agree it will be a highly consequential project for Tasmania and its people.

Given the project's size and significance, along with the commitments made by government, it is essential Parliament have a proper opportunity to scrutinise the details of the arrangements to build the stadium – and any associated decisions, plans, or measures – before the contract is signed.

We therefore request Labor's support for the extension of the sitting dates of the Parliament to allow deliberation on these matters.

We appreciate your consideration of this request and look forward to your response.



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