



**DEAN WINTER MP**  
**LABOR LEADER**

30 July 2025

Hon Jeremy Rockliff MP

Premier

Via email: [REDACTED]

Dear Premier,

I refer to your letter received earlier today.

Tasmanian Labor supports Project Marinus. However, your approach to consultation with the Opposition and other Members of the Tasmanian Parliament regarding a decision on this project is not acceptable for a project of such magnitude, nor does it align with the Caretaker Conventions under which your government is required to operate.

Your letter to me on 28 July 2025 confirmed the Whole of State Business Case (WoSBC) was provided to your government some 10-weeks ago. I understand it was finalised in April. I am still yet to see the WoSBC and it has not been made public, despite your public commitment to do so.

Furthermore, we are aware that a Final Investment Decision was due two weeks ago and that Minister Nick Duigan MLC sought to brief the Opposition under caretaker provisions. Your office then stepped in to prevent me and my colleagues from being briefed. Now you are asking for my endorsement of your decision with less than 24 hours' notice. **This unprecedented political interference has led to a breach of your own caretaker guidelines and risks the entire project.**

While Labor supports Project Marinus we cannot reasonably endorse a decision of this magnitude with only 24 hours to review the supporting material. No Opposition or member of the crossbench could possibly be across this level of detail in such a short period of time and I find it absolutely extraordinary that you would seriously ask me or the crossbench to do that.

I do not consider the briefing provided to Janie Finlay MP and I on 29 July 2025 regarding Project Marinus adequate to fulfil your requirement to consult before a decision is made. A last minute briefing does not constitute consultation.

It is unreasonable to expect any Member of Parliament to adequately consider the WoSBC and other documentation which includes 1,000-pages of content of great complexity in 24 hours - your government has had two months to consider this documentation. There have been no attempts to consult me, or other Members of Parliament, on this matter over this time. Instead you have

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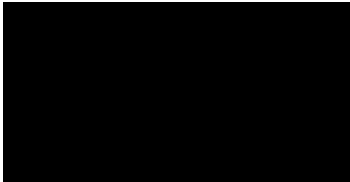
deliberately blocked your Minister from briefing Labor and you have deliberately withheld information from the Tasmanian community about a project that will have a profound impact on future generations.

Under the Caretaker Conventions you are required to consult with the Opposition. I note however, you do not require my support to proceed with your decision. I genuinely believed that given the significance of this project for Tasmania's future, and your track record of managing major projects, you would have made a greater effort to work collaboratively with all Members of Parliament to ensure the best outcome for Tasmanians. I am disappointed this has not been the case.

While Tasmanian Labor supports Project Marinus, it is critical that we get this right. Due to your appalling breach of Caretaker Conventions, inadequate consultation, and a lack of transparency I cannot reasonably endorse your decision by your deadline of 9am tomorrow morning.

Tasmanians deserve better.

Yours sincerely



Dean Winter  
**Tasmanian Labor Leader**

CC Guy Barnett MP, Treasurer

Nick Duigan MP, Minister for Energy and Resources