



TASMANIA
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Ms Ruth Forrest MLC
Chair
Parliamentary Standing Committee of Public Accounts
Email: pac@parliament.tas.gov.au

Dear Ms Forrest

Thank you for the Committee's time on 10 April. Please find below response to the following:

1. See Attachment A.
2. See Attachment B and C.
3. As outlined in the Committee meeting, Premier Hodgman became involved at Council's request in 2018, supported by then Treasurer and Minister Gutwein. During the COVID period of 2020, the then Premier Gutwein helped oversee the Project. Responsible Ministers were as follows, noting that the responsibilities have also intersected with the Infrastructure and other portfolios throughout the period:
 - a. Minister for State Growth - Gutwein to January 2020
 - b. Minister for State Growth - Ferguson to May 2021
 - c. Minister for State Growth - Jaensch to April 2022
 - d. Minister for State Development, Construction and Housing - Barnett to July 2023
 - e. Minister for State Development, Trade and the Antarctic – Rockliff to April 2024
 - f. Minister for Major Investment and Trade – Rockliff to August 2025
 - g. Minister for Business, Industry and Resources – Ellis to current.
4. The key terms for the agreement will be made public.
5. As outlined, the negotiations have not been codified as exclusive with the Government.
6. See Attachment D.
7. I was the responsible Minister as Minister for Major Investment and Trade.

Please note that the agreements provided to the Committee at A, B and C have not been assessed for commercial-in-confidence factors, and as such, I ask that the Committee hold these documents in confidence.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jeremy Rockliff". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Jeremy Rockliff MP
Premier

TIMELINE OF EVENTS

2018

- July 2018
Glenorchy City Council (GCC) resolves its intention to dispose of the Derwent Entertainment Centre (DEC) site.
- October 2018
Council rejects an unsolicited proposal and proceeds to an Expression of Interest (EOI) process.

2019

- March 2019
Council authorises its General Manager to commence disposal of Wilkinsons Point.
- June 2019
Council seeks Tasmanian Government support for the LK Group proposal.
- 24 June 2019
Council approves entering into *exclusive negotiations* with the LK Group for the DEC and Wilkinsons Point.
- 28 June 2019
Council formally notifies the Tasmanian Government of its decision to enter exclusive negotiations with LK Group.
- July 2019
Department of State Growth confirmed as the State's lead negotiator in response to the DEC upgrade proposal, NBL team sponsorship, and Wilkinsons Point development.
- 28 October 2019
Council resolves to extend the exclusive negotiation period with LK Group to 30 December 2019.
- 20 December 2019
Treasurer writes to the Mayor confirming:

- Public ownership of the DEC would be required for public investment.
- The State's intention to negotiate acceptable commercial terms with LK Group.

2020

- 3 February 2020
Non-binding indicative terms sheet agreed between the Crown and LK Group, including the proposed sale of Wilkinsons Point subject to Valuer-General valuation.
- February 2020
Cabinet agrees to progress the proposal to purchase the DEC and Wilkinsons Point.
- 28 February 2020
Council resolves to sell the DEC and Wilkinsons Point to the Tasmanian Government for approximately \$8 million, subject to:
 - Agreement of key terms with the State
 - A satisfactory agreement with LK Group regarding the DEC business.
- September 2020
Department of State Growth establishes a Steering Committee for the DEC upgrades, Tasmanian NBL team, and Wilkinsons Point.
- 4 November 2020
Settlement occurs:
DEC and Wilkinsons Point transferred from Glenorchy City Council to the Crown for approximately \$8 million.

2021–2023

- Progress on Wilkinsons Point slows due to multiple factors, including:
 - COVID-19 impacts

- Government policy requirements (new ferry terminal)
- Relocation of NBL high-performance facilities
- Transfer of Glenorchy community multisport facility (DEC upgrades and NBL matters progress more consistently than Wilkinsons Point.)

2024

- October 2024
Cabinet agrees again to progress Wilkinsons Point sale arrangements.

2025

- 24 February 2025
New non-binding short-form summary of key project terms agreed between the Crown and LK Group.
- 2 May 2025
Confirmation to the Public Accounts Committee that no final binding land sale agreement has been executed.