



## **Macquarie Point Stadium unpopular, but support for Third Party Appeals Reform**

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EMRS surveyed whether Tasmanians supported the proposed Stadium at Macquarie Point in Hobart, as well as the proposed reforms to Third Party Planning Appeals, as part of our recent state-wide omnibus.

### **MACQUARIE POINT STADIUM**

Statewide, the survey found 59 per cent did not support the Macquarie Point Stadium, with only 36 per cent supportive and a tiny four per cent undecided.

Opposition to the Stadium was strongest in the north (67 per cent) and north west (65 per cent), with 52 per cent opposition in the south.

There was majority support for the Stadium in the 25-34 age-bracket, 54 per cent (for), 41 per cent (against) falling away to just 23 (for), 74 (against) per cent in the 70-plus age bracket.

Overall, males (42 per cent) supported the Stadium more than females (31 per cent).

Using demographic and geographic data, it can be inferred that a stereo-typical:

- Stadium supporter – is 25-34 years old, with a young family living in Franklin
- Stadium opponent – 55-plus, living in Bass or Braddon and earning under \$80,000 per year.

### **THIRD PARTY PLANNING APPEALS**

44 per cent of those surveyed supported the proposed reform with 34 per cent opposed and 23 per cent were neutral/undecided.

Support was roughly equivalent in Tasmania's regions: the south 44 per cent support and 35 per cent opposed, north 48 per cent support and 31 per cent opposed, north west 39 per cent support and 33 per cent opposed.

From a demographic perspective those with a post graduate degree (30 per cent), those aged 55 – 69 (26 per cent) or retired or on a pension (25 per cent) were more likely to be strongly opposed to the planning system changes.

Those working full time (51 per cent) were the most likely to support the proposed change.

*The surveys was conducted from the 11th to the 18th of February. 1,000 Tasmanian registered voters were interviewed, and responses weighted to reflect the Tasmanian adult voting population. A sample of this size provides a maximum margin of error of +/- 3.1 percentage points at the 95% confidence level.*

*The two questions asked were:*

*Stadium: Do you support the proposed Stadium at Macquarie Point in Hobart?  
(yes/no/unsure)*

*Planning: Thinking about development in Tasmania, the Tasmanian Government has announced changes to the planning system. They will only allow people directly affected by a residential or commercial development to appeal the planning decision of that development. To what extent do you support or oppose this?" (Strongly support, somewhat support, neutral, somewhat oppose, strongly oppose).*

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