



Mr Shannon Avery  
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Parks and Recreation  
Hobart City Council

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2019

## Lease Extension

Dear Shannon

Firstly, thank you for organising the meeting with Paul Jackson, Manager Legal and Governance to discuss the extension of our current lease.

Hockey Tasmania is seeking to a further term of ten (10) years with the option for a further ten (10) years in order to align the sub leasing arrangements with Telstra Corporation Limited (Telstra) at the Tasmanian Hockey Centre in Bell Street. Hockey Tasmania also seeks consent from the Hobart City Council relating to the Telstra's sub lease in accordance with clause 3(f) of the head lease.

The Tasmanian Hockey Centre (THC) boasts world class, internationally recognised facilities and a state-of-the-art function room. During the winter season, Hockey Tasmania sees 5000 players and spectators every week at the THC and an additional 1500 visitors each week over the summer period.

There are more than 150,000 Tasmanian players, spectators and families who actively attend and support local hockey events every year. This number is growing as we continue to develop our programs and competitions.

The THC is one of the most used sporting and multi-purpose facilities in the state. We not only have hockey competitions running all year round, but also provide the facility to other sports including Cricket, AFL9s, Soccer, schools for sporting carnivals. We also provide the facility to community groups and have recently introduced options for people with disabilities to utilise the centre for various activities. It's also worth noting that the THC is also a dual gender sporting facility.

In October and November each year the THC will hold 3 weekends of the new Hockey One League (H1) for both our women's and men's senior teams, which is the highest domestic competition for our sport and will be broadcast live on KAYO & Fox Sports. These events are not only great for our sport but also provides the opportunity to promote our Capital City nationally and international.

The THC has also been allocated as the venue for the U/13 & U/16 girls and boys national championships in 2020 and we are currently bidding for further national championships in the next round of allocations for 2021 and beyond.

The capacity of the THC has grown significantly, and we only see this increasing further in the years ahead and to be able to continue to provide one of the best multi-purpose facilities in the state and allow HT to maintain the facility to the highest standards, we need to generate greater levels of investment.



The Telstra sub lease, along with the approved Optus sub lease provides Hockey Tasmania with revenue to assist in the ongoing development and maintenance of the THC for which Hockey Tasmania incurs substantial maintenance, infrastructure and utilities costs (approx. \$300,000 per year).

Hockey Tasmania looks forward to a favourable response to this request and appreciates the ongoing support and assistance provided by the Hobart City Council.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "DS", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Damian Smith  
Chief Executive Officer  
Hockey Tasmania