



Current status

Progress continues to be made with plans to establish Stadiums Tasmania as a new statutory authority within the Tasmanian Government to own, manage and develop our major public stadiums across the state.

Stadiums Tasmania Bill 2021

In late March 2022 the Stadiums Tasmania Bill 2021 was passed by the Tasmanian Parliament. It is in the process of being prepared to be referred to Her Excellency the Governor of Tasmania for Royal Assent. This will formally establish Stadiums Tasmania as a new statutory authority and is expected to occur in April 2022.

Next steps

The Department of State Growth have commenced the recruitment process to appoint the inaugural Chairperson, Board and Chief Executive Officer of Stadiums Tasmania.

Once the leadership team has been appointed Stadiums Tasmania will commence operations and prepare for the transfer of the identified and agreed stadiums and employees to the new authority.

Stadiums Tasmania (Transfers) Bill 2022

The Stadiums Tasmania (Transfers) Bill 2022, or the Transfers Bill, is currently being drafted.

It will create the ability to transfer the agreed stadiums and related assets to Stadiums Tasmania. It will also provide the employment provisions Stadiums Tasmania will need to engage staff.

This process will also entail further engagement and consultation with affected employees.

The Transfers Bill will:

- introduce the on-going employment provisions needed that will enable Stadiums Tasmania to hire employees
- provide the ability to transfer specified assets, liabilities, and contracts to the authority from Crown and non-Crown entities, and
- give the authority the ability to make offers to transfer existing stadium employees to it and preserve their salaries and entitlements to the extent possible.

Negotiations between the Department of State Growth and current stadium owners to confirm the stadium transfers, transfer dates and any other remaining details are continuing.

The first transfers to Stadiums Tasmania are currently expected to begin in late 2022.

Related Tasmanian Government initiatives

The Tasmanian government has outlined a range of initiatives that build on the work being done to establish Stadiums Tasmania, including:

- a \$25 million commitment to further develop the Dial Regional Sports Complex
- the future transfer of the Dial Regional Sports Complex to Stadiums Tasmania
- on-going implementation of the first stage of the UTas Stadium Master Plan
- an indoor sporting arena proposed under stage two of the UTas Stadium Master Plan
- developing a new 27 000 seat stadium should Tasmania secure an AFL team
- Blundstone Arena remaining the home of all forms of cricket in Tasmania, and
- Stadiums Tasmania being tasked to develop a 10-year strategic stadium plan.

These initiatives build on the capital projects Infrastructure Tasmania in the Department of State Growth is currently facilitating at Blundstone Arena, the Silverdome and UTas Stadium.

Transfer of sport and recreation functions

In February 2022 the Tasmanian Government announced the sport and recreation functions of the Department of Communities Tasmania will transfer to the Department of State Growth.

This is not directly related to plans to establish Stadiums Tasmania but is a logical move that will align these functions more closely with plans to manage our major public stadiums.

This announcement is not expected to affect the plan to transfer the Silverdome to Stadiums Tasmania. Further information on these plans and timeframes will be released in due course.

Further information

While Stadiums Tasmania is being established each stadium will continue to operate as usual. For information about a specific stadium, please contact the relevant stadium's management.

For information on Stadiums Tasmania go to: www.stategrowth.tas.gov.au/infrastructure_tasmania or contact the project team on 03 6166 4921 or at: pete.smith@stategrowth.tas.gov.au