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AFL Responds to Tassie AFL Team Submission

The Minister for Sport and Recreation, Michelle O'Byrne, today said the State Government had received the Australian Football League's initial written response to Tasmania's submission for an AFL team.

Ms O'Byrne said it was clear the AFL had given thorough consideration to Tasmania's case and would continue assessing the submission on receipt of further information.

"From the very first day we presented our case to the league in Melbourne, the AFL has been positive about our submission, and this attention to detail has been rewarded with a constructive response to our submission for an AFL team.

"The State Government is committed to doing all it can to assist the AFL in its consideration of Tasmania's arguments for an AFL licence, and we will provide further information to the AFL which it has requested.

"We have always maintained that Tasmania has a compelling business case for its own AFL team, and we welcome the fact that the AFL is continuing to assess our case against the criteria it believes is relevant to achieve a competitive and financially strong Tasmanian team," Ms O'Byrne said.