

**INTERCULTURAL SPORTS LEAGUE  
REMARKS BY  
HER EXCELLENCY PROFESSOR THE HONOURABLE KATE WARNER AC  
GOVERNOR OF TASMANIA,  
BALL ROOM, GOVERNMENT HOUSE, MONDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 2019**

**[Vice-Regal Salute is played]**

Good evening and welcome to this reception to mark the launch of the Intercultural Sports League T20 World Cup in Hobart for 2019-20.

I begin by paying my respects to the traditional and original owners of this land: the palawa people. I acknowledge the contemporary Tasmanian Aboriginal community, who have survived invasion and dispossession, and continue to maintain their identity, culture and Indigenous rights.

May I acknowledge among you:

- the Honourable Elise Archer MP, Attorney-General;
- Josh Willie MLC;
- Councillor Zelinda Sherlock, Hobart City Council;
- Rajat Chopra, ICSL Founder and President;
- Morgan Kent, representing the Department of Communities Tasmania;
- Tim Lovibond, Cricket Australia;
- Ben Smith, Cricket Tasmania.

I'll be brief in my remarks because we have a few formalities to follow – but may I say at the outset how positive it is that the ICSL specifically sets out to encourage sports participation as a means of increasing social cohesion, opportunities for migrants and for those living in areas of relative community disadvantage.

This is one of the great advantages of sport, with of course the added advantage of the health benefits of exercise.

Congratulations therefore as well to the Hobart Hurricanes, to Cricket Tasmania and Cricket Australia, for lending your collective experience and support to ICSL to pursue this truly worthy undertaking.

I believe there are thirteen teams, representing twelve countries, competing in the forthcoming Hurricanes Champions League World Cup. As Governor I'm sure you know that I have to be strictly neutral in all matters, and so I can't say which team I want to win the Cup!

That however does enable me to truly wish every single team and player the very best of luck – even if you make a duck – and have lots of fun – even if you don't score a run.

Thank you.