

Will Hodgman MP
Leader of the State Opposition
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AFL announcement overshadowed by sexist remarks

The Leader of the State Opposition, Will Hodgman, has warmly welcomed the sponsorship announcement by Mars for a Tasmanian AFL team.

Mr Hodgman said the announcement was a major momentum boost for the campaign, although clearly much more than this would be needed.

Mr Hodgman said it was a huge disappointment that such a positive development had been overshadowed by the comments of the Footy Show's Sam Newman, that have been widely interpreted as lewd and inappropriate.

"While Newman says he has been misinterpreted, the fact of the matter is that his form when it comes to putting down women and making sexist remarks means he is hardly a contender for the benefit of the doubt," Mr Hodgman said.

"These comments are completely unacceptable and I condemn them totally."

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