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Dear Secretary

Herewith is my submission to the proposed \$ 750+ million stadium at Macquarie Point.

At a time when there are thousands of Tasmanians struggling to find accommodation it is preposterous to be even considering spending almost a billion dollars on something that is out-of-keeping with what so many of us want our city to look like. To have a monstrous stadium at this location will vulgarise our city, to say nothing of future congestion on our already-congested roads. There are already 2 stadiums that can cater for tribal recreation and there are better ways to 'develop' this site. May I suggest that the site becomes an adjunct to the botanical gardens. We have known for years the therapeutic value of green spaces; imagine what our city could look like with a tranquil garden as a backdrop – a natural therapy for the increasingly noisy and ugly urban congestion. We should be finding ways of beautifying our city not trashing it.

We do not *need* this stadium; it will be ugly; and there are other places to put this stadium should we insist it be built. A billion dollars ( which is what this monstrosity will finish costing [ one only has to look at other examples such as the 3 Capes project, initially costed at \$13 million dollars and finishing at over \$30 million ] is nothing short of insanity. Let's spend money wisely.

If we are serious about alleviating the accomodation crisis we should be injecting money into this space rather than catering for tribal sport.

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