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The Committee Secretary,

Dear Madam/Sir,

I am one of many Tasmanian voters who does not want the erection of the proposed stadium at Macquarie Point. Whilst I do not deny there are those who love their "Footie" and will go to any lengths to get a you beaut stadium, I believe there are more important issues requiring our attention. There are hundreds sleeping in cars or tents or under bridges because of the housing shortage. This issue must take precedence over a stadium. Our health system is shot and the waiting lists so long that essential surgery is delayed , ambulances are ramping and people are suffering. Literacy rates in Tasmania are embarrassingly low and a large proportion of Tasmanians are functionally illiterate. These issues cannot be ignored and swept under the carpet while the AFL takes precedence. Apart from this, how come the AFL can demand of our state what they have not demanded of any other state? I believe our government should stand up against such bullying tactics.

Watching a football game is a passive matter but the other issues I have listed. require massive action to rectify.

I believe it would be selfish in the extreme for footie enthusiasts to pursue the demand for a stadium when all around are signs of a system which is failing other Tasmanians. Only a weak government would give in to the AFL's bullying.

Faithfully,

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