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I am strongly against the construction of a new sporting and event stadium in Hobart. I believe there are other State priorities that warrant funding, notably education, health and the Arts.

- Macquarie Point has the potential to be a much more significant location for development other than a new stadium. It has the potential to be a significant cultural hub, which will bring more people to Tasmania than a sporting arena.
- The Premier was duded by the AFL who really don't want a team in Hobart. A new stadium should never have been a condition of entry to the AFL. The stadiums that currently exist are fit for purpose with relatively minor upgrading.
- The assessments that I have read suggest that the economic advantages are marginal and the risks significant.
- The AFL has proposed a paltry contribution to the project, symptomatic of its attitude to the inclusion of a Tasmanian team.
- The level of borrowing a costs on the Tasmanian Government contribution to the construction of the stadium are likely to be higher than anticipated. Estimates of construction costs are always less than the reality.
- Blundstone Arena and UTAS will dwindle into insignificance through lack of use and neglect.

I much prefer the use of funding to create a cultural hub on the site, which is in line with Hobart as a boutique tourist destination. This would include diverse range of structures and uses, such as expanded spaces for museum exhibitions and a focus on Indigenous history and culture.

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