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For the attention of Parliamentary Standing Committee,  
Mr. Simon Scott, Committee Secretary

1. The Tasmanian Government's process of selection of this site for the proposed stadium is grossly un-democratic. At this stage the proposal does not have any social licence. The government has submitted a business case, cost analysis and other reports which arguably are biased. There is no true review of the Blundstone Arena and its facilities, capacity and ability to be extended beyond the current 19 000 person capacity.
2. The requirements placed on the proposed [or any] stadium by "fly in fly out" AFL administrators have little regard for the built environment, heritage, the placement and the infrastructure associated with the proposed site. AFL cannot demand motorised roofing as a condition of licensing.
3. The PhilpLighton Site Selection Process report is limited within a very close area with no consideration of further potential sites. The proposed site is sandwiched by an extended rock wall, separation fencing of port activity with continual heavy truck traffic, cruise ship berths, hotels, sewage treatment facility and private accommodation
4. Any AFL licence must recognise that Tasmania has a following for Australian rules football in the northern part of the state also. AFL football has successfully been played/supported both at the southern Blundstone Arena and the northern UTAS stadium. Continuing use of the existing high class grounds will reduce the financial returns for all. Adding a stadium costing \$750 million dollars plus on such a unique location that has been promised previously by the current government.
5. The proposed stadium at Macquarie Point fails many requirements expected and should not be approved.

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