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Dear Committee Secretary

I write to outline my strong opposition to the proposed \$750 Million stadium at Macquarie Point.

I have been on a public hospital waiting list for nearly two years now and it is beginning to look like I will get to see a new AFL Stadium first. If I thought a new sports venue would fix my hernia - I would be all for it! But realistically, I would be better off with the operation. Not everyone is infatuated with a game of "aerial ping-pong" but we are all going to get old and require more medical attention ... so it seems sensible to prioritise funding for an already over-stretched health system.

Homeless people camping out while on the waiting list for public housing would look with envy at the fine weatherproof roof on a new stadium. If they were allowed to camp on the grounds between games it might justify some of the expense; but that would never happen because tent pegs might punch holes in the sacred turf.

Macquarie Point is an area crying out for development but the proposed building is so out of character with the surroundings it would stand out like a moustache drawn on the Mona Lisa. If we must have something that looks like a cross between a flying saucer and a trilobite then it should be built somewhere else - like maybe, Victoria.

Statistics show that more Australians patronise the Arts than attend sporting events. We already have lots of football grounds but we don't have an opera house. Just a thought. Furthermore, catering to AFL Australia's demands looks very much like giving into a bully. Not a good look.

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