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## **Dear Committee Secretary**

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

As a taxpayer I object to public funding going towards this project when thousands of Tasmanians can't get a home, more than 55,000 Tasmanians are on the health waiting list to see a specialist and the cost of living is making life harder for more and more Tasmanians.

The AFL shouldn't be making Tasmanians pay for a new roofed stadium to have our own Tasmanian team. No other state has been made to do this. Tasmanians have not been consulted on the chosen site and I do not support the decision made by the government.

The government has not presented a business case that outlines the merits of this project or explained why our state should be burdened with further debt when the state already has two AFL standard stadiums, one in the north and one in the south that will now go to waste.

Another stadium is the wrong priority for our state, especially in Hobart where AFL footy crowds are traditionally low.

If there is to be a Tasmanian AFL side, it should be based in Launceston, where supporters from most places can get home the same day as the game. The same goes for any other events conducted at a revamped Launceston stadium.

If an AFL side goes ahead, at least make it fair for all Tasmanians.

Kind regards
Peter Whittle,