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Dear Committee Secretary

I am opposed to the proposed \$750 million stadium at Macquarie Point and the fact that Tasmanian taxpayers would be footing the bill for nearly half of this amount .

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 be under-utilised.

The original proposal was for an even number of games to be played between the two existing stadiums in Hobart and Launceston but now the AFL are requiring 7 in the south and only 4 in the north per season. My fear is that over time all matches would be played in the new stadium to try and justify the expenditure. This would deny many people from the north-west of Tasmania the opportunity to attend matches as this would require overnight accommodation in addition to the cost involved in travel. On the other hand people from across the whole state could attend matches in Launceston without the need for accommodation. As an example, what proportion of the north west area of the state, a keen basketball area, attend the Grasshoppers' home matches in Hobart even though the team has been relatively successful in its first year of performance? Certainly not the equivalent proportion of the State's population.

Another stadium is simply the wrong priority for our state when there are so many other worthwhile expenditures in health, housing, roads and salaries of nurses and teachers to overcome shortages that require attention.

Kind regards

Peter Mudford, 