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To: [PAC](#)
Subject: Submission regarding Another AFL Stadium - YES a THIRD AFL Stadium
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Dear Committee Secretary,

Thank you for offering us the opportunity to comment on the proposed AFL Stadium.

We have over forty years of coaching and administering football (soccer) in this state.

Soccer is the most played team sport in Tasmania and yet there is no rectangular stadium in our State.

The fact that the Tasmanian Government would even think about building a third AFL stadium in our state when the tens of thousands of girls and boys in Tasmania have no rectangular home ground is completely unreasonable and insulting to our own aspirational Tasmanian players.

The facts quoted by the Government are very unrealistic. They tell us that 6 or 7 A-League games will be played there each season. That means the Government will be using tax payer dollars to pay for clubs from interstate to play in an AFL stadium to get content. This is because we have no A-League team of our own. The reason we have no A-League women's and men's team of our own is because we do not have a rectangular stadium. We also missed out on hosting Women's World Cup games and training camps because we have no rectangular stadium and our Government is fixated on AFL and wants to build a third oval stadium.

Apparently we will be able to play Soccer in the new stadium. We do not want to play soccer in AFL stadium. We do not want to play in a reconfigured stadium.

Why is the AFL the sport of choice for the Tasmanian Government? Why should our elected representatives lobby for one particular sport to the detriment of other sports especially when more people play Soccer than AFL? It would seem our elected representatives are living their lives vicariously with dreams of their own failed AFL careers instead of considering every child who chooses not to play AFL and plays all the other sports people love.

The amount of money promised to the sport of AFL is obscene. \$375m for the stadium build, \$208m to upgrade York Park, a high performance centre for \$50 million, \$12 million for 12 years and also the amount of money spent to investigate and employ people to convince the AFL we need a licence. That is \$590 million and counting. That is before they even find more money from other sources to build our third AFL stadium in the state.

The Government should allocate funds for sports according to the numbers of people who play each sport and not on the whim of a politician who wants to feed his own ego and say "I spent nearly a billion dollars so I could say Tasmania now

has an AFL team.”

If they have this much spare cash then share it equally with all sports or to give homeless families who live in their cars somewhere safe to sleep near our training ground. Priorities.

Best regards,

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