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Dear Committee Secretary

I oppose the proposed \$750 million stadium at Macquarie Point.

I object to public funds going to this project for the following reasons:

AFL following in the state is low and doesn't contribute much to the community. Income generated from AFL matches in Tasmania will go to private enterprises (airlines, hotels and restaurants) and will be of little benefit to Tasmanian revenue and our community. Employment while matches are on will be similar to existing AFL match arrangements – casual and low paid workforce.

Hobart is an unsuitable location for major events exacerbating housing/accommodation shortages, traffic congestion, and hospital emergency service overload.

The long term outlook for AFL to support 19 teams is problematic. If the stadium goes ahead and AFL shuts down a 19<sup>th</sup> team in 10years due to lack of following, what will happen to Tasmania? What is the cost of reconvertng the stadium or demolishing? Too much!

Existing facilities are acceptable for AFL to be played in the state. Another stadium isn't needed. A roofed stadium would detract from the nature and conditions of playing in Tasmania.

Only a small group of Tasmanians will directly benefit – those that can afford to attend games, pay for travel and accommodation, casual workers for 7 weekends, services. The majority of Tasmanians want better health facilities, improved environment and better infrastructure.

Kind regards

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