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**To:** [PAC](#)  
**Subject:** Inquiry into the Tasmanian Government's process into the feasibility planning for a new sporting and event stadium in Hobart  
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Attn: Simon Scott Committee Secretary Parliamentary Standing Committee of Public  
 Accounts Parliament House HOBART TAS 7000 Email: [pac@parliament.tas.gov.au](mailto:pac@parliament.tas.gov.au)  


Dear Simon

I write to offer my concern and to raise questions regards the building of a stadium at Macquarie Point:

1. There is already a stadium across the Derwent capable of seating 20,000. Surely this would serve the purpose at less cost, even adding a roof or additional seating?
2. The ferry service to and from Tasmania and the Hobart and Launceston airports are all operating at full capacity as it is. How do you expect the 10,000 - 20,000 people who would need to travel to Tasmania, for a weekend game, to get here and home again,?
3. The Tasmanian health service is already past breaking point. Surely the money the state and federal governments would spend are better invested in health?
4. Bringing additional people to Tasmania to watch games will (as the cruise industry does) bring additional load to the aforementioned health system. Will additional funding be available, or will the citizens of Tasmania simply spend longer on the ambulance ramp or waiting to see a specialist whilst AFL players and their fans and supporters use these services?
5. The Macquarie Point is a high value and important site that could be used for additional hospital expansions, education, industry and shipping support and a wealth of other uses that far outweigh the occasional AFL game. Why was this site chosen and was it a fair and transparent process?
6. Can Tasmania afford to enter the AFL league and why would we want to? By allowing the building of a stadium and entering the league what will the actual cost of subsidising an AFL team be to the citizens of Tasmania initially and annually?
7. Any contract entered into by the state government should clearly state that the AFL will be open and transparent in all matters of sexual assault and harassment. Will this be the case? Currently legislation seems to favour AFL's right to withhold and cover up incidents. <https://lens.monash.edu/2018/08/15/1357599/are-afl-footballers-above-the-law>
8. There have been more than 27 cases in Australia involving 57 footballers and club officials relating to sexual assault and rape. And still no convictions. There have also been multiple cases of racism. Do the citizens of Tasmania actually want to be involved in a sport where so much abuse and misogyny occur? <https://www.mamamia.com.au/abuse-of-women-in-afl/>

Cheers

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