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To: [PAC](#)
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Dear Committee Secretary

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed \$750 million stadium at Macquarie Point.

As a taxpayer, I object to public funding going towards this project. Thousands of people cannot find a home. I will share with you a real-life example. personalizing the homeless statistics. My friend and her very high-needs disabled adult son are on a long waiting list for housing as their current rental home has been sold and they have to move out soon. They face moving into a relative's backyard tin shed. This would most certainly shorten their life expectancy with the temperature extremes that they will be likely to experience.

My friend is trying to save up on her pension to get her son to Melbourne to see the specialist he needs who is not available in Tasmania. While I was fortunate to be able to afford private health insurance for a recent surgery, I have many older friends who have waited more than reasonable wait times, often years, for surgery that they desperately need.

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. There should be a public search process for best uses for the Macquarie Point site, as there are no doubt many creative alternatives to another football stadium.

Another stadium is the wrong priority for our state.

Kind regards
Kerin Booth, 