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To: PAC

Subject: My submission

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Dear Committee Secretary

I write to outline my opposition to the proposed \$750 million stadium at Macquarie Point.

As a taxpayer I object to public funding going towards this project when thousands of Tasmanians can't get a home, more than 55,000 Tasmanians are on the health waiting list to see a specialist, literacy and numeracy rates are the lowest nationally, and the cost of living is making life harder for more and more Tasmanians. Just what the intended investment in a stadium will do for the future economic and standard of health and education for the state is THE overiding question to be asked at any point in consideration of expenditure such as this.

The Tasmanian Government shouldn't be considering any deal that considers Tasmanian taxpayers paying for a new roofed stadium to have our own Tasmanian AFL team at the expense of ALL Tasmanians having access to equitable health and education services to ensure the future economic viability of the entire state and its future generations. Tasmanians have MANY priorities to secure an equitable and economically viable future, none of which are tied to an individua'ls choice of a specific sporting code.

The government has not presented a business case that outlines the merits of this project against lifting the health and education access rates of it's population, or explained why our state should be burdened with further debt when the state already has two AFL standard stadiums.

Such an investment in another stadium is the wrong priority for our state.

Kind regards (Joanna Harrison)