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To: [PAC](#)
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Dear Committee Secretary

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

I have doubts about the estimated cost of the proposed stadium at \$750 million.

In NSW in the 1960s

costs of the Sydney Opera House tripled from the initial estimate.

The site proposed for the Hobart Stadium, originally the Hobart Gas Works, has had contaminated earthworks

removed over the last four years, at the taxpayers expense. Foundation works for the proposed stadium will

have to extend down beyond the water table, and possibly, like the Opera House have to penetrate layers of

mud and soft stone to reach stable bedrock.

The previously agreed to development of the Macquarie Point site only required the removal of the gasworks

subsoil contamination. With predicted seawater level rises over the next decades

foundation works must consider this

inevitability.

For many years authorities have grappled with the removal of the Hobart Sewerage Treatment works.

They will have to be re-located before **any** development proceeds at Macquarie Point.

The AFL (Victoria) has already suggested the move of the proposed stadium from Regatta Point to the

Macquarie Point location and is demanding expensive changes in the roof structure of 'its' stadium.

And what does Tasmania and Hobart get out of this ?

A promise by the AFL that Tasmania might have its own football club.

I am reminded that the Tasmanian taxpayers already subsidise the HAWTHORN AFL Club.

It continues to do so while the club's management is under investigation of allegations of racist player treatments by former coaching staff.

It would have been prudent of the Tasmanian Government to suspend subsidies to Hawthorn until

after the results of the investigation were made known.

With regards,

Alan G. Wickham

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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 and the cost of living is making life harder for more and more Tasmanians.

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.

Another stadium is the wrong priority for our state.

Kind regards

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