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Dear Committee Secretary

I write to outline my opposition to the proposed \$750 million stadium at Macquarie Point. This budget is a guess - history demonstrates that the budget figure quoted for government works averages about one third of the actual cost.

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.

The transport infrastructure cannot deliver the necessary crowds for viability.

The use of Adelaide and Perth as examples is incorrect, as they have much larger populations, and stadiums without a roof.

A large stadium to draw larger conventions makes it necessary to compete with large stadiums elsewhere in the world, as opposed to catering for boutique conventions which celebrates our smaller size and is quite successful.

Another stadium is the wrong priority for our state. The proponents have nothing more substantial than a cargo cult mentality, and their proposal will become a millstone around the neck of every Tasmanian.

Kind regards
Kees Wierenga,

