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**To:** [PAC](#)  
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Dear Committee Secretary,

I am writing to outline my opposition to the proposed \$750 million stadium at Macquarie Point, as follows:

1. A stadium on the proposed site would generate the following negative effects: traffic problems, inappropriate and excessive noise, a structure of size and appearance aesthetically at odds with the location (see 4 below). The optimum use for this site and its surrounds would be as green space i.e. parklands and outdoor recreation space for use by the wider community.
2. Hobart's existing Blundstone arena is approximately 5 kms from the proposed stadium site as the crow flies, its lights easily seen from Macquarie Point. In a city of approximately 250,000 residents, two facilities in such close proximity aren't justifiable.
3. Crowd noise: The proposed site is right next to the Cenotaph, and close to the following historic and green spaces:
  - the Queen's Domain (under 1 km as the crow flies)
  - historic Government House (approx 1 km atcf)
  - Hobart Botanic Gardens (approx 1.5 - 2 kms atcf)
 Crowd noise would interfere with the peaceful enjoyment of the Cenotaph area, would travel to the Queen's Domain, and possibly to the Botanic Gardens.
4. The AFL should not be able to dictate terms.
5. Experience indicates a cost blowout is likely.

Also ...

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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