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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 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. Is our area - we have a desperate need for permanent GPs and doctors/nurses and equipment for our brand new hospital. We have a homelessness crisis whilst the old hospital stands empty. We have money for a new Police station waiting to be built – we are not exactly the crime capital of Tasmania. Our schools are bursting at the seams with teachers leaving in droves. We have a mental health and drugs and alcohol problem with almost no long-term solutions or supports. I may not have an education in Politics but I can see need in my community and the thought of a 'white elephant' being built at the expense of my communities health and wellbeing makes me rather angry.

Kind regards
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