From: Gawain Simpson

To: PAC

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## **Dear Committee Secretary**

I write to outline my strong 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.

An improved public transport system around Hobart, such as restoring the nothern suburbs rail, would be a better use of money than a stadium.

Tasmanians have not been consulted if they wish to have another stadium 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. The state already has two AFL standard stadiums, one in the north and one in the south, that is not used for much that will now go to waste.

Another stadium is the wrong priority for our state.

Please rethink this and spend money more wisely and appropriately.

Gawain Simpson, TAS