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Dear Committee Secretary

I wish to object to the Hobart stadium proposal

1.The case for another stadium to support AFL matches in Tasmania has not been made. At this stage it remains wishful thinking only.

2.The project has been moved to prominence as a result of arrogant demands of the AFL organization which is not a representative body for Tasmania. Support for the AFL demand has not been tested in Tasmanian electorates.

3.A small group of influential individuals, including some State politicians, has spent a great deal of money using consultants and advertising entities to support the proposal. As a tactic, the proposal has been manipulated into running several themes which serve to defuse attention on specific details of the proposal. i.e.

(a) A stadium to ensure the support of AFL in the establishment of a Tasmanian AFL team. (*Comment; blackmail*)

(b) a stadium area intended to attract business and tourism in the city of Hobart. (*Comment; This is in design-conflict with that of a sports' stadium.*)

(c) a stadium to generate income for the State via argument based on much larger cities and population-catchment statistics. (*Comment; Selective statistics*)

4. Macquarie Point was identified, and planned, years ago as a valuable asset in which to develop an extensive community-focused precinct. Such a project would add to the attractiveness of Hobart and Tasmania as a tourism venue, for local visitors and for residents. To replace that focus with a monument to sport ignores the potential of the last significant and attractive area of land in Hobart.

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