PROPOSED STADIUM AT MAC POINT

The Secretary Public Accounts Committee Parliament of Tasmania Parliament House HOBART TASMANIA

By Email:

Dear Secretary,

We have looked carefully at the proposal for a Tasmanian AFL team and the requirement that Tasmania find funding for the team and it's on going financial viability for the next 10 years at least, plus cover the cost of yet another stadium in the inappropriate centre of our capital city at Macquarie Point.

We are very concerned that the Liberal government has embraced the proposal for a stadium so that it appears to have some purpose and has turned away from the desperate needs of the people of Tasmania, some of whom cannot get the help required to maintain daily living.

We live in the Far South and are aware of the struggles for food, health and education in our area. We see poverty all around us and continued poor educational outcomes due to unequipped and badly managed schools.

Money should be allocated to rural and regional health, schooling and training in basic food preparation to begin to alleviate the issues here.

If the Tasmanian government can find money for an unneeded and unwanted stadium it can find money for its people.

Something is very wrong when a massive stadium build and a football code is given precedence over urgent, basic needs of the state's tax payers.

The present Liberal government is so divorced from the realities of the community, has no plans for community well being and is so unable to engage with the community that we ask for the whole AFL proposal to be stopped until someone listens to and answers the priority needs of the people of this state. We need housing.

We need food at an affordable cost.

We need the cost of living adjusted for those struggling to survive.

We need health care, with attention to rural and remote areas.

We need schooling and educational opportunities that encourage and transform our future.

WE NEED THESE THINGS URGENTLY. WE DO NOT NEED ANOTHER STADIUM. WE DO NOT NEED AN AFL TEAM.

The business case and the hype surrounding the stadium don't address why this state, already reeling under debt, should take on further debt. Neither are we informed accurately of who will pay or when or how such payments might end.

There are two stadiums currently used for football, AFL style and etc already paid for by Tasmanians. We object to yet another.

Macquarie Point has been described as "a jewel in the crown" and it is.

A wonderful opportunity for something developed of this island state that is iconic and will be a draw-card for the future for Tasmanians first and others second.

It's our land not the AFL's.

It's time the government actually understood (read the news) that almost three quarters of Tasmanians do not want a stadium at Macquarie Point.

May we have acknowledgement of this submission please?

Yours Faithfully,

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