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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 nor 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. In addition there has not been any costing as to how much this stadium might actually cost to build, let alone to run. The present guesstimate is just that: a guesstimate.

As for usage, if there are 20 AFL teams and they play home and away fixtures, over 22 rounds, Tasmania would play at home about 11 times. There is a good chance that 5 of these games would be in Launceston and therefore this stadium would be used about **6 times per year**.

Another stadium is the wrong priority for our state.

Yours sincerely,  
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