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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. The Public housing (ever more people without safe housing) and health crisis (ambulance ramping and waiting lists) are just two very important priorities where this money could be better spent. With climate change certain to provide ever more freak weather events and the associated costs and disruptions to supply chains, cost of living is bound only to increase. It makes zero sense to go into further debt with this on the horizon. We need to have the economic capacity to respond to these emergencies quickly. It is always touted that public entertainment is also important in these times but it is well known that profits for sponsors, advertising and broadcast rights are the true motivations for these proposals. I urge the government to make the wise and prudent decision and reject this proposal.

Kind regards
(Jai Larkman, )

Sent from my iPhone