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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.

I have seen the projected numbers and uses you hope the new stadium will achieved and believe these to be extremely optimistic, bordering on fantasy.

I understand all of the funding will not be coming from the state and the potential for secondary business opportunities in the CBD, however, similar opportunities would also exist if the available funding was diverted into making sure all Tasmanians had access to social housing.

Another stadium is the wrong priority for our state. Please rethink this. The government need to look after everyone, not just the minority who would like to go to the football. Would you commit the same level of expenditure and resources to another minority group? History suggests you wouldn't.

Kind regards

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