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To: PAC

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## **Dear Committee Secretary**

I write to state my opposition to the proposed \$750 million stadium at Macquarie Point.

First, I object to public funding going towards this project. Public housing, public health and public education are all sectors that are in desperate need of funding, and the failure to adequately remunerate staff has had a serious impact on recruitment into the education and health areas, not to mention staff departing because of deteriorating work conditions in both areas. At a guess, the Tasmanian Government's proposed contribution to the \$750 M might help, in time, to claw back at least some of the lost ground.

Second, it is disappointing that the Government is simply responding, apparently without question, to a demand from the AFL that such a stadium is conditional on a Tasmanian team being allowed into the competition.

Third, we already have stadiums in the north and South of Tasmania that, based on crowd numbers for current AFL matches in the State, can more than accommodate the likely levels of attendance.

And it would be disappointing to place such an imposing structure in an area that should be redesigned in a way that benefits a much larger sector of the population and also recognises the historical significance of the site.

Kind regards (Chris Beadle,