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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. While I appreciate the enjoyment that people derive from the sport of AFL and the benefits it has in terms of economic and health and fitness outcomes, I believe that it is imperative that the Government recognises where the community's priorities lie.

Macquarie Point is a beautiful piece of urban open space with a fabulous outlook over the Derwent. In most cities in the world it would be recognised and protected as a community treasure. It should not be traded away to appease the unreasonable dictates of the AFL Executive. Macquarie Point is a treasure for future generations, not a gambling chip for today

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.

Kind regards
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