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Subject: My submission - objection to an AFL Stadium at Macquarie Point
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Dear Committee Secretary,

I write to outline my strong objection to a \$750 million stadium at Macquarie Point.

As a Tasmanian, I do not support public funding going towards a new AFL stadium, when we already have two. I consider this project to be a low priority and a misguided use of taxpayer money. A stadium at Macquarie Point would be a poor use of an incredible site. This proposal lacks imagination and I believe that both the money and the site could be put to much better use. A First Nations Museum and reconciliation and truth-telling park would be a far more appropriate, needed and symbolic use of this site. A museum and park could be sensitively designed and landscaped to optimise views to the Derwent and historic precinct, as opposed to an ugly big stadium where the focus is inward, towards a football.

The state's economic focus at the moment should be on public and social housing, health and education. Too many families are living below the poverty line, can't afford their rent or are living in tents or caravans, without access to housing. Our public health system is broken, with 55,000 people on the health waiting list. The state government should be focused on needs ahead of desires and understand that not all Tasmanians are interested in the AFL. Such a financial commitment should involve community consultation which I'd be happy to participate in.

Kind regards,
(Susie Quinn, )