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Dear Committee Secretary

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

As a loyal Tasmanian, I totally object to us funding this project. We have thousands of Tasmanians who are on the health list waiting for operations or to see a specialist (I was only recently **finally** seen by a lung specialist after being referred for further investigation some eight years ago!!!!). We have thousands of people in need of assistance with housing. We seriously need to invest in employing nurses, doctors and teachers - into the public system!!!!!! Then ... there is the cost of living issue that is making life harder for more and more Tasmanians. WHY are we selling our own hydro (clean green) power to the mainland?? WHY do we pay so much more for petrol?? WHY do we not yet have passenger rail services??

The AFL should NOT be making Tasmanians pay for a new roofed stadium so we can have our own Tasmanian football team. No other state has ever been made to do this. I believe the AFL are trying to make it extremely difficult as they will lose access to the "nursery" that they have benefited from for so many years - think of all our brilliant footballers they have poached!

Tasmanians have not been consulted on the chosen site. I do not support the decision made by this government. I believe they are trying to distract from the actual issues with Macquarie Point and the substantial loss of money already invested there - with no result.

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 we already have two quality AFL stadiums, one in the north and one in the south that would become severely under-utilised if this proposed project goes ahead.

Another stadium is absolutely the wrong priority for our state.

Kind regards

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