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Dear Committee Secretary

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

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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

We already have a perfectly good stadium only 5-10 minutes away from Macquarie Point, at Bellerive. What a waste of money it would be to build another - how can it be justified? It can't. The extraordinary location of Macquarie Point surely should be used for cultural purposes, declaring that we are now far from having only a sports culture here. We now have a strong arts culture as well, which has done more for Hobart and Tasmania than anything else in recent years, and Macquarie Point could further enhance that reputation. A new, fabulous, library - something celebrated author Richard Flanagan suggested years ago - plus an indigenous Reconciliation Centre, and a proper Writers' Centre. There could be room for grass roots creatives like Wide Angle, setting film creatives on their feet and giving them pathways to production. We have the Theatre Royal nearby; we have the Federation Concert Hall; what about putting literature in the limelight with a proper Tasmanian Writers Centre and a centre celebrating Tasmanian books and writing.

Please remember, Tasmania is not a monocultural sports culture. Nor do we want to be. Look where the arts have taken us in the years since MONA opened - invest more money in these areas and watch how the community, and the whole state, benefits.

Regards  
Kathryn Lomer