From: Caroline
To: PAC

Subject: My submission

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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. 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. Another stadium is the wrong priority for our state.

In addition to the above points I would add that it is ludicrous that massive cuts to the Arts in this state has led to the demise of many great arts organisations that contribute to the health and well being of this state across age, socio economic gaps and diverse communities. How is it that you can find millions of dollars for a football stadium, yet our art gallery remains able to only display a small portion of its world class collection? That ambulances are ramping, with people dying due to lack of staff and a hospital (newly renovated??) that cannot cope with the needs of our community? This is absolutely preposterous, aligned with fiddling while Rome burns.

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