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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.

My husband and I recently completed the purchase of a small apartment for a friend with MS who has been unable to find either affordable rental accommodation or social housing in the greater Hobart area, close to the medical care she requires. Her plight is just the tip of the iceberg for older women living on a pension (and in fact the disadvantaged of all ages) and a small example of the pressing need for significant expenditure on social housing.

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 strongly oppose the decision made by the government. It would be a tragedy for Hobartians if the Macquarie Point site was wasted on a roofed football stadium.

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.

Kind regards
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