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Dear Committee Secretary

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

As a taxpayer I object to public funding going towards this project. \$750 million is an appalling amount to spend on any public facility that does not potentially benefit all citizens.

I have zero interest in AFL, nor do any of my friends.

Why waste valuable foreshore land with river views on a sport facility???

Macquarie Point should be reserved for facilities that benefit all Tasmanians, such as public parks.

Furthermore, it is reprehensible in the extreme to spend this type of money on *sport*, 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.

Your job, as government, is to ensure the basics are provided to Tasmanians before anything else.

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, particularly on this magnificent foreshore site in Tasmania's capital city.

Imagine if Sydney had a football stadium where its Opera House stands?

Ridiculous.

Yours faithfully

Margaret Murray 