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Dear Committee Secretary and members of the committee.

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

As a taxpayer and retiree I object to public funding going towards this project, particularly at the Macquarie Point site. This prime waterside site should remain a public asset for everyone to enjoy.

Currently thousands of Tasmanians can't get a home; more than 55,000 Tasmanians are on the health waiting list to see a specialist, not to mention the ever increasing waiting time for 'elective' surgery. The cost of living is making life harder for an increasing number of Tasmanians. Women my age are at the highest risk of homelessness.

This proposal is an utter disgrace and an affront to people who have worked hard all their lives and find themselves struggling to cover daily living expenses and utilities and to access basic services.

The AFL has no right to make Tasmanians pay for a new roofed stadium, which on the proposed site would completely block out views of and access to our beautiful river, to have our own Tasmanian team. Never mind the fact that the best Tasmanian players have already been cherry-picked by mainland clubs; so what's the point? 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, both of which are rarely at capacity and are under-utilized. Enough is enough.

Mainland AFL jocks have no business meddling in Tasmanian affairs, or dictating how Tasmanian taxpayers funds should be spent or how our precious public assets should be utilized.

Another stadium is the wrong priority for our state.

Macquarie Point should remain a public place for all to enjoy and not be usurped to serve the interests of a greedy few.

We do not need or want another stadium.

Thank you all for taking the time to read my submission.

Kind regards

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