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Dear Committee Secretary

I write to express my opposition to the proposed \$750 million stadium at Macquarie Point on two grounds:

1. Wrong Priority

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.

2. Wrong Place

Macquarie Point is a magnificent venue with unsurpassed outlook, suitable for people to enjoy through imaginative development of recreational, residential and hospitality facilities. It is the wrong place for an inward looking stadium.

If a new stadium were to be built it should be nearer to the centre of gravity of the population eg Dowsings Point or Stony Point.

Regards

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