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**To:** [PAC](#)  
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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. It should not be the responsibility of taxpayers to support the Australian Football League at a time when said taxpayers are fighting so hard to end their imposed support for fossil fuels.

**Entities fully capable of generating tens, hundreds or thousands of millions annually in free cash flow through their own operations do not have the right to demand taxpayer subsidies.**

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  
John Barnett

