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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 family has personally been affected by lengthy waiting lists with all of my children having to wait up to two years to see a paediatrician, psychiatrist or psychologist in the public system for an ADHD diagnosis and a subsequent ASD assessment and diagnosis and other mental health issues. Private specialists are flooded with perspective patients desperate for medical and health related services because they cannot be obtained publicly. I have had to resort to seeking private diagnosis for my daughter from a Paediatrician in NSW and now we face the dilemma of having to find a way to be able to legally purchase her medication from a local pharmacist because currently only local paediatric specialists can prescribe medication to treat ADHD. As a parent trying to advocate for my children it is frustrating, and I feel helpless and very sad for my children.

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. Our priorities should be our overburdened health system and health professionals. We need to be putting this money towards building a better health system with greater access for those who are disadvantaged not wasting it on a stadium.

Kind regards  
(Kirby Crouch, )