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To: [PAC](#)
Subject: Our submission on the proposed Hobart stadium
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Dear Secretary,

We write to express our opposition to the proposed AFL stadium for Hobart.

The proposed stadium is inappropriate for Hobart because it is too big in height and scale. It would dominate the foreshore and destroy the amenity of people trying to use the cenotaph and surrounding area.

Heritage listed buildings and indigenous areas in the vicinity would be lost. These areas were included in earlier proposals for Macquarie Point that had far more credibility and would provide Hobart with at least the same public benefit as the stadium proposal.

The business case has been hurriedly put together a short time after Larry Kestleman, who has experience in sporting venues in Hobart, was scathing about the stadium proposal's lack of a business case. The cost-benefit conclusions in the stadium business case were wildly optimistic considering the conclusions reached in the study conducted by M I Global Partners which found a 50 cent return in the dollar and a loss of \$300m over 20 years, not including the cost of supporting an AFL team.

There is no reason for the inclusion of a new stadium in the conditions placed on Tasmania to achieve an AFL licence when AFL has been played in Tasmania for years at Bellerive Stadium in Hobart. There has also not been a serious study into the upgrading of Bellerive Stadium.

With the need for Federal and State budgets to address serious issues in areas such as health, education and housing, the inevitable cost blowouts associated with building a stadium would place an unacceptable burden on all Australian taxpayers.

Thankyou.

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