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Submission

Chairperson

Tasmanian Planning Commission

Re: Draft Guidelines – Macquarie Point Multipurpose Stadium Project of State Significance - December 2023 P

Dear Chairperson,

I have not read all the guidelines for your enquiry into the proposed Macquarie Point Stadium project. However I write to emphasise the Commission's responsibility to ensure the following:

- all submissions be recorded in the final report and the final report be made available to the public in its entirety
- third party evidence be sought in all financial estimates, holding more 'weight' than the vested interests of state government, AFL or potential developers' submissions
- * the issue of cost over-runs be a priority in the Commissions' deliberations
- that consideration be given to determine voter preference in preparing the final report

Respectfully yours,

Ross E. Jones

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I send this email to express my deep concern over the funding and location of the proposed AFL stadium in Hobart.

Your views on this subject are well known and I am sure they represent a significant majority of Tasmanian voters.

Firstly, the proposition that that the infrastructure build has guaranteed profitability begs the question, why are business interests, local or national, not expressing keen interest in financing the build?

Secondly, at a cultural level, where else in Australia - or internationally - do we find a crowd and noise generating facility in such close proximity to a significant war memorial?

Strong arguments could be made that our two current football facilities, with some modifications, would adequately provide for a Tasmanian AFL team.

Finally, I am widely travelled, have sailed into many ports and cannot recall being introduced to a city of Hobart's modest size with a large out of proportion, inwardly facing concrete structure dominating the waterfront.

Current Tasmanian government funding in this way is especially partisan, divisive and without mandate from the voters.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed)

Ross Jones,
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