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I would like to comment on the proposed stadium at Macquarie Point, Hobart:

I see this proposal as having very little to do with sport. The AFL is a business and a big business at that. If it was my business and I could convince a state government to build me a billion dollar purpose made complex on a prime piece of real estate so that I could make a large financial profit I would feel very pleased with myself. I'd almost certainly win the Privatised Profits and Socialised Losses Award for the year.

But let's say us Tasmanians did finish up paying for a stadium? Why build it at Macquarie point? The purpose of a stadium is to watch the game. Architecturally, it's an inward looking pastime. Why waste the scenic attributes of Macquarie Point on a building that has no functional need for those attributes? "I'm going to watch the game, not to look at the view."

But the bottom line for me is this: If the AFL wants a new stadium in Tasmania I reckon they should buy themselves some land, build the stadium and pay for it all themselves just like a normal business model. And Macquarie point? I would love to see it made into an environmentally friendly public space that could be awesomely beautiful and perhaps incorporate a public transport ferry terminal that services all the suburbs around Hobart that are accessible by water.

With best regards,
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