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Tasmanian Planning Commission
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Dear TPC,

Integrated Assessment for proposed Stadium at Macquarie Point

I'm both an AFL fan and loyal to the real development needs of Hobart and the whole of our amazing state. I write to support the Our Place submission to the TPC regarding the Mac Stadium PoSS assessment.

I have read and fully endorse the submission made by Our Place - Hobart.

The government has attempted to undermine the PoSS, and it's imperative that you reign it in by establishing really strong guidelines to ensure transparency and prevent interference in the assessment process.

I also urge you to compare the costs of the government's proposal with those of simply upgrading Blundstone Arena, the existing stadium at Bellerie just 4km from Mac Point. This comparison is critical because the only new infrastructure needed at Blundstone is a ferry terminal at the Bellerive Rocks to solve the parking problems there. Such a terminal can easily be constructed for less than 1% the cost of a Mac Point stadium.

The fact that this simple expedient was ignored by the government is symptomatic of its "let them kick footballs" neglect of the real public crises Tasmania is experiencing in health, housing, literacy, and poverty. I urge you in the strongest possible terms to make this clear and resist their efforts to compromise the PoSS. Please properly hold them to public account!

Yours faithfully,

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