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Tasmanian Planning Commission
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Dear TPC,

Integrated Assessment for proposed Stadium at Macquarie Point

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

I fully endorse the 'No New Stadium' group's submission in relation to the Government's proposal to build a stadium at Macquarie Point.

The entire project thus far has been characterised by obvious but less than transparent negotiations between the Tasmanian Government and the AFL, a desire by the government to drive this single proposal through without seeking or seriously considering any alternative designs or sites, and much overly-optimistic marketing and political glad-handing.

The public of Tasmania deserves better than this.

In this drive to a single end-goal, the government has failed to seriously consider the re-use of existing stadia, the possibility of alternative sites if indeed a new stadium is to be built, and the potential of Macquarie Point for meaningful use other than to accommodate a stadium as the primary feature.

Unlike the single unsolicited and privately compiled alternative proposal, the government's proposal incorporates no meaningful solution to ameliorate what will surely be parking and transport mayhem, and, additionally, appears incapable of resolving Metro Tasmania's declining service levels.

It is also clear that the government has no interest in listening to alternative points of view, including those of an experienced events organiser who doubts the non-AFL entertainment use would come anywhere near the stated estimates.

On every level, this has been a rushed proposal based around a single sporting code, and while a Tasmanian AFL team may be a desirable thing, basing this on a series of dictates from AFL management has merely served to reinforce public fears that this will be yet another State Government white elephant and millstone around the neck if future generations.

Yours faithfully,

Andrew Hudspeth

