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Tasmanian Planning Commission
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Dear TPC,

Integrated Assessment for proposed Stadium at Macquarie Point

Too many questions remain unanswered regarding the full cost of the stadium.

Tasmania deserves a team in our own right and shouldn't have to go into debt for up to and no doubt over a billion dollars for an unneeded Stadium. Tasmania has two Stadiums where AFL has been played for years.

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

Traffic and transport analysis must detail congestion issues on adjacent roads, including the approach to Davey Street and Davey Street itself. Traffic is already a huge problem in Hobart from both directions, adding an event of 23,000 people trying to get to one destination, would be a complete nightmare.

Penalties will apply if timelines aren't met, and it's Tasmanian's who will bear the cost. As anyone who's built a house knows, building projects are rarely completed on time.

Skilled and qualified construction workers are in short supply throughout the country, never mind in Tasmania, and surely building homes should be prioritised given we have so many Tasmanians sleeping rough or couch-surfing.

Premier Jeremy Rockliff inherited this poisoned Stadium chalice, but he should have rejected it. Building a Stadium should never have been a condition for Tasmanians to have an AFL team. It's a one-sided deal loaded with unacceptable financial risk for Tasmanians.

Tasmania has two AFL-standard Stadiums. Matches are played in both – but to declining audiences

Michael Ferguson needs to remember that the word 'Stadium' was not mentioned when Prime Minister Anthony Albanese announced a federal funding contribution for the development of the Macquarie Point site. The funding was for the site's urban redevelopment. Not a Stadium.

In conclusion The Stadium will not benefit Tasmania or its citizens and will put the state and future generation into unwanted and unnecessary debt for decades to come.

Another question is how much of Tasmania's taxpayers' money has already been spent on this project? Many would say millions of dollars, and to what end? what benefit?

Meanwhile Tasmania has the worst ambulance ramping, health system crisis, doctor availability crisis, rental crisis, the worst literacy record in the country because so much money has been siphoned away from essential services.

Surely Tasmanians deserves better?

Yours faithfully,

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