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Dear TPC,

Integrated Assessment for proposed Stadium at Macquarie Point

My name is Bruce Trappes. I am Tasmanian by birth and lived here most of my life (75 years old). I wish my submission against the ill conceived Rockliff governments stadium proposal be considered.

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

While this submission is taken from a Facebook post by Anne Leyton-Bennett, it reflects my thoughts and deep concerns precisely in relation to the current Tasmanian Governments diabolical ill conceived stadium proposal, and the division it has caused to the general Tasmanian public:

TOO MANY UNCERTAINTIES AND UNANSWERED QUESTIONS FLOATING AROUND TASMANIAN STADIUM DEVELOPMENT.

EXPERTS WARN COSTING AND ECONOMIC BENEFITS NOT ACCURATE!

While Tasmanians wait to find out if the stadium will be considered a project of state significance, public opinion remains divided, and too many questions remain unanswered.

Scepticism about the accuracy of the government's costings and economic benefits remain, with several experts saying these are optimistic, unrealistic and unfair.

Penalties will apply if timelines aren't met, and it's Tasmanians 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.

A rapidly changing climate is one of those economic risks that appears to have been overlooked in the stadium's glowing manifesto. Recent weeks have shown weather extremes are happening now. Their destructive nature should give a responsible government pause to consider the wisdom of continuing to stubbornly pursue a single controversial piece of infrastructure to underpin the economy and provide jobs.

Far more important would be – surely to prepare Tasmania's existing public infrastructure: buildings, bridges, and roads to withstand climate extremes. Doing so will keep construction workers and tradespeople employed for years. As will building social housing. Floods and bushfires on the mainland have already ensured a significant number of houses will need to be rebuilt, or extensively repaired. With more extreme weather conditions predicted will the priority be building homes, or a stadium?

Weather extremes will make travelling anywhere increasingly uncertain and more expensive in the future, rendering claims thousands of people will flock to Tasmania to watch AFL matches – and other events – optimistic at best. Some scientists say we've reached that dangerous 1.5C of warming already. Not only will predicted sea level rise occur

sooner rather than later – making the proposed and preferred Macquarie Point site very vulnerable – it will increase travel uncertainties and risk.

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.

Yours faithfully,

Bruce Trappes

