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Dear TPC,

Integrated Assessment for proposed Stadium at Macquarie Point

I am very concerned that the TPC Guidelines for the assessment of the proposed Mac Point stadium must be as comprehensive as possible, thereby ensuring that the Government as proponent must provide all of the key information necessary for a highly-informed and transparent assessment.

This project, should it be approved to proceed, will have profound effects on the character and functionality of the centre of Hobart and the precious precinct surrounding Macquarie Point. The inadequate traffic flows in this part of the city already have been causing major delays and disruptions extending into the Tasman Bridge and the Southern Outlet for many years. Cities elsewhere in Australia and abroad have lost the fine-grained pedestrian amenity and charm of their heritage centres through the insertion of sports stadia and their concomitant significantly-increased road infrastructure, often along the waterfront, which once lost, cannot be regained or rectified. The potential financial impact for all Tasmanians of a billion dollar project, some unknown portion of which taxpayers will fund over decades, and of the impact of maintenance and replacement costs for the stadium long-term, are of massive importance in the face of the existing crisis in the funding of affordable housing for all Tasmanians and other desperately-needed State-funded infrastructure.

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

As a former Partner in a large architectural firm completing major master planning and design of significant public projects, I am particularly concerned with the implications of this project being considered under the new rules for projects of State significance. The assessment of the Mac Point Stadium proposal will set many precedents for the future of planning in Tasmania, whether for the better or worse.

We are all counting on the Planning Commission to produce the fairest and most comprehensive framework possible for the assessment process.

Thank you for considering my comments and those expressed in the "Our Place -- Hobart" submission.

Yours faithfully,

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