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Tasmanian Planning Commission GPO Box 1691 Hobart 7001

Dear TPC,

## Integrated Assessment for proposed Stadium at Macquarie Point

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

are particularly concerned that there be full disclosure of all communications between government, the AFL and all consultants

share Our Place's concerns about the Government's attempts to limit input to this process by the imposition of appalling timelines

want the guidelines to highlight the the State Government's role in ensuring long-term traffic planning for the citizens of Hobart instead of contorting traffic routes as a knee-jerk response to a stadium proposal

want the guidelines to give proper weight to the expressed need for meaningful Aboriginal reconciliation at the Mac Point site

want the guidelines to ensure that no discredited consultants such as PwC (PricewaterhouseCoopers) are engaged in the assessment process

don't want the guidelines to reflect an assumption that Tasmanians can't have AFWL and AFL teams without having a costly, poorly-planned and ugly stadium at Mac Point

want the guidelines to ensure that all project consultants be at arm's length from the Tasmanian Government want the guidelines to set out requirements for photo montages that show Tasmanians realistic images of the proposed stadium and its overwhelming impact

want the guidelines to give proper weight to considerations impacting on the quality of life of Hobart residents who live in the vicinity of Mac Point. We were NEVER asked if we wanted an AFL footy concrete monolith at precious MacPoint!!!!! The AFL and politicians cannot dictate to us and ignore the fact that we DO NOT SUPPORT an AFL stadium at MacPoint! The costing and economic and social benefits are NOT accurate! I refuse to pay a cent towards an AFL concrete high stadium at mt precious MacPoint covering the area to please the AFL and to please a government who is trying to force this onto us!!!!!! The rapidly changing climate is one of those economic risks that has been overlooked even in the face of weather extremes! Tasmania's existing public infrastructure: buildings, bridges, and roads haven't been addressed. Weather extremes make travelling anywhere increasingly and more expensive in the future, rendering claims thousands of of people will flock to Tasmania to watch AFL matches and other events optimistic! MacPoint is vulnerable to sea level rise! The stadium at MacPoint should NEVER have been a condition for Tasmanians to have an AFL team. No other state had such a specific requirement!! There has been a total lack of consultation, it is a one sided deal with great financial risks, unsupported financial modelling, questionable attendance figures and implausible event attraction details! Several stakeholders have not been consulted, this includes the people who live and work in Hobart who will be most affected. Among these is: the Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra, Federal Hotels, Royal Regatta Association who have all slammed MacPoint location! Tasmania already has 2 AFL standard stadiums with declining audiences, so why on earth do we need an UGLY stadium cluttering up our lovely foreshore and stuffing up our views??? This is a reckless proposal. There has been complete secrecy, lack of transparency and questionable economics surrounding the stadium deal!! Around 70% of Tasmanians agree. This deal was also NOT discussed at either Cabinet or government level. There is scant info and economic uncertainties surrounding the stadium, too many to be ignored or dismissed! It beggars belief that any responsible premier or government could so readily approve a one-sided deal that potentially places onerous financial burden on Tasmanians can scarcely be credited!!!!! The deal also dismissed well advanced plans for a Truth and Reconciliation and Cultural Centre, and a public park at the site, a development that had wide public approval! Remember: the word STADIUM was not mentioned when Prime Minister Albanese announced federal funding contribution for the development of the MacPoint site's urban re development. NOT a STADIUM! What about the heritage shed on the site? What about the impacts of parking in the CBD, and clogging of surrounding residential areas because you are dreaming that most people will not drive but walk, ride public transport, scoot! The impacts on the environment, on people living in Hobart is totally avoidable but NOT building the stadium where the AFL, Premier and present Government are trying to force it! It is NOT a 'project of state significance', it is an utterly selfish demand by the AFL, private developers, the Premier, this government and vested interests disregarding over 70% of Tasmanians who recognise the heritage significance of MacPoint to us!!

## The figures DO NOT stack up!

The total ruination of the night sky by the massive lights of the stadium at MacPoint, the noise (we all know water amplifies noise!) the complete chaos trying to exit the site, the massive number of people wanting to access it has all been totally ignored. This is a dead end and the chaos will be absolutely avoidable.

Dowsing point is the only place for a stadium if there needs to be one. Absolutely NO stadium at MacPoint.

Yours faithfully,

Maria Riedl