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Tasmanian Planning Commission
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Dear TPC,

Integrated Assessment for proposed Stadium at Macquarie Point

I am concerned about the approach the Government has made to push through the proposal to build an AFL stadium at Macquarie Point. The Government should be completely transparent in its dealings with this proposal which to my mind and many others does not stack up on environmental, social or economic grounds.

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

The Planning Commission needs to ensure there is full transparency with strong guidelines to ensure that the proposal is not influenced by political interference and a truly independent assessment is made.

Full disclosure of communications between the AFL, Government and Consultants on the proposal. There has been a general lack of transparency to date.

Any consultants engaged should be able to demonstrate their full independence from Government.

The assumption that AFL can not operate a team in Tasmania without a purpose built stadium in Hobart should not be taken as a given in assessing the proposal for a new stadium.

Full long term assessment of affect of local traffic of the proposed site should be undertaken, especially given the current status of traffic problems in the CBD.

Realistic time frames to enable full public input into the planning process should be in place and not dictated by AFL imposed timeframes.

Yours faithfully,

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