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Tasmanian Planning Commission  
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Dear TPC,

**Integrated Assessment for proposed Stadium at Macquarie Point**

I have lived in Hobart for many years and regularly travel past Macquarie Point by car or, on my daily commute, by bicycle. I have attended quite a few events in Macquarie Point - Dark MOFO, cultural and musical events at the Red Shed/Hobart Brewing Company, and events organised by the Tasmanian Aboriginal community in the shed they were using on the site. I regularly visit the historic Hobart docks, and take visitors around the docks to see the historic sites, including as part of a small community festival which I'm involved in organising.

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

I was very pleased when MONA proposed a truth and reconciliation park on the Macquarie Point site and the Hobart council approved it.

I am very concerned that the stadium will:

1. Prevent any meaningful implementation of the truth and reconciliation park, which would have provided valuable public open space and an opportunity for Tasmania and Australia to begin to reflect on and come to terms with our history.
2. Be far too big to be useful for most other events and so would sit idle most of the time.
3. Be a waste when we already have a large stadium on the eastern shore, which could be upgraded for a fraction of the cost and without alienating Macquarie Point.
4. Prevent an upgraded Antarctic precinct for part of Macquarie Point, which would be more meaningful than a sports stadium, and help shore up an important industry for Hobart, that of Antarctic science, which provides a great deal of important employment, motivation and prestige for STEM students and STEM and other workers in Hobart and around Tasmania.
5. Prevent any use of the some of the land for social and affordable housing, which should surely be considered given Hobart's housing crisis.
6. Overshadow and block views from surrounding paths, streets, buildings and probably the Cenotaph lawns and all of Sullivans Cove. Hobart's historic buildings and skyline are key part of the attractive of the city to both residents and visitors and a massive stadium towering above them would seriously detract from the experience. It would most likely be a dead zone as far as passing residents and tourists were concerned, most of the time, and would certainly detract from the experience of the many people who use the Intercity Cycleway every day. Imagine, instead, a public space, with gardens, low rise buildings (a few stories high), and the truth and reconciliation park. That would be a nice thing to walk or cycle through or past, and potentially a great place for events. It would increase rather than decrease our health

and wellbeing, through being open, accessible and, if done well, nice to look at and be in, rather than a massive inward-looking building alienating the area from the public.

7. Lead to further congestion on the roads and on the intercity cycleway. I'm a regular user of both. The cycleway is wonderful until it reaches Evans St, after which commuting by bike involves confusion and potential collisions with pedestrians, especially when cruise ships are in town. Events at a stadium at Macquarie Point could exacerbate this.

Instead of spending hundreds of millions of dollars of taxpayers' money on a sports stadium, Tasmania would be much better off spending it on any or all of the following:

- a. The truth and reconciliation park.
- b. A new wharf and precinct for Antarctic ships such as the RSV Nuyina, which I've heard may be at risk of having to be berthed in a different city unless a new wharf is built. It would be a massive loss to Hobart and Tasmania if the Antarctic science community moved elsewhere. It's an important part of our identity and history, as well as our economy.
- c. Social and affordable housing and the housing crisis.
- d. A major upgrade of public and active transport for Hobart, and other measures to reduce congestion in Hobart, as well as increase health and wellbeing through active transport.
- e. Improving our struggling health system.
- f. Measures to protect our natural environment and people, in the face of the rising impacts of climate change and biodiversity loss.
- g. Arts and cultural facilities usable by community groups and art groups which don't have the wherewithal to hire a massive stadium.

Please ensure that the guidelines ensure that all concerns like the above are adequately assessed.

Yours faithfully,

David Wanless

