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By email: general@afl.com.au

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Dear Mr Dillon,

We write following the finalisation of the Tasmanian Planning Commission's (TPC) Integrated Assessment Report on the Macquarie Point Stadium, and the Tasmanian Government's formal response, released on October 8th.

On behalf of our constituents, we request a meeting to discuss the stadium and the now untenable stadium condition in the AFL licence agreement for the Devils. We note that a June 9th letter from many of us, with a similar request for a meeting, was not responded to.

As you would be aware, an expert panel under the auspices of the TPC conducted a year-long consultation and integrated assessment process for the stadium. After extensive evidence-gathering and public hearings, the panel recommended 'that the project should not proceed'ⁱ.

Amongst other factors, this recommendation is based on an assessed significant net economic cost to Tasmania, unacceptable negative impacts to the urban form of Hobart, and direct adverse impacts on the values of the state war memorial, the Cenotaph. These issues have attracted the direct opposition of a variety of major stakeholders, including Aboriginal organisations and individuals, RSL Tasmania, the Hobart City Council, community groups and local businesses.

In response, the Tasmanian Government has formally rejected the recommendation, publicly tendering the same arguments that have long-been prosecuted, including in the TPC's hearing process. In pledging to build the stadium regardless of the negative impacts, chief amongst government arguments is the 'no stadium, no team' condition being imposed by the AFL.

In the face of an independent assessment and an expert planning recommendation against building the stadium, it is time for the AFL to accept that its process of site selection and design dictation were flawed and should never have pre-empted a credible public planning assessment.

The AFL's ongoing insistence that Tasmania builds the proposed Macquarie Point Stadium, against an expert planning recommendation, represents reckless and unacceptable corporate overreach into state responsibilities. No other team in the

national league has had a multi-billion-dollar stadium demanded of it as a precondition of entry.

Meanwhile, Tasmania suffers some of the worst health, housing and education outcomes of any state and faces a budget crisis and debt burden of profound proportions.

Given the significant cost to Tasmanians of building the stadium, estimated at \$50million per year in increased taxes or reduced public services, and the impact on Hobart and its values, it is clear a new stadium at Macquarie Point is an untenable and inappropriate demand.

A delegation of the below signatories will travel to Melbourne in the week of October 27th and we request an opportunity to meet with the leadership of the AFL.

Yours sincerely,

Tabatha Badger MP
Greens Member for Lyons

Hon Cassy O'Connor MLC
Greens Member for Hobart

Vica Bayley MP
Greens Member for Clark

Professor George Razay MP
Independent Member for Bass

Helen Burnet MP
Greens Member for Clark

Mayor Anna Reynolds
Lord Mayor of Hobart

Craig Garland MP
Independent Member for Braddon

Cecily Rosol MP
Greens Member for Bass

Peter George MP
Independent Member for Franklin

Senator Tammy Tyrrell
Independent Senator for Tasmania

Mayor Sue Hickey
Mayor of Glenorchy (in my personal capacity)

Hon Meg Webb MLC
Independent Member for Nelson

Kristie Johnston MP
Independent Member for Clark

Andrew Wilkie MP
Independent Member for Clark (Federal)

Senator Jacqui Lambie
JLN Senator for Tasmania

Senator Peter Whish-Wilson
Greens Senator for Tasmania

Senator Nick McKim
Greens Senator for Tasmania

Dr Rosalie Woodruff MP
Greens Leader and Member for Franklin