

Tasmania doesn't need a billion dollar + new AFL stadium. We have already have 2 AFL grade stadiums in the state, so there is no need for this government empowering regulation bypassing legislation, especially in consideration of the points below.

If either of these stadiums were really small, seating only 5-10 thousand there might be a logical argument, but Bellerive seats 19500, and York Park 21,000. That's a difference of, at most, 3500 seats. Over a billion dollars for 3500 seats, really? assuming the new stadium costs 1.5 bill (probably a conservative guess given the retractable roof hasn't been costed) that's almost \$430,000.00 per seat. Even the Orange Puffball in the US would call that a Bad Deal, and fire the apprentice who suggested it.

The Gold Coast region has a population larger than Tasmania's that fits into an area probably not much bigger than the Derwent catchment, yet to get a team their stadium UPGRADE to a 22,500 seat capacity cost less than a 10th of what Tasmania is expected to pay for a NEW stadium.

The GWS region is home to over 2,000,000 people, so a stadium capacity of 25000, is tiny compared to AFL's demand for a 23,000 seat capacity for a local population of little more than 250,000, how can such an overcapacity be seen as justifiable. I know major events sell out at Blundstone, but the key word here is MAJOR, when the footy is a regular fixture it will no longer be a MAJOR event, it will be a regular event which will not gain the same attendance levels.

Then there's the unknown cost of the retractable roof, [REDACTED], why is this needed when Hobart has a the second lowest rainfall of all capital cities and less than half of what Brisbane and Sydney get, yet their stadiums don't need roofs.

Finally if both the existing stadiums were used then more Tasmanian's would have better access to more footy, surly that would sell more tickets over time, better bang for buck for everyone.