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Submission Regarding Macquarie Point Stadium – Enabling Legislation.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer feedback on the Enabling Legislation.

The Enabling Legislation should not be passed and should be withdrawn.

I believe it is a mistake to proceed with the current stadium plan. Indeed, I suggest the overall process should begin again. All options across Tasmania for a stadium to facilitate a Tasmanian AFL team should be examined and a decision should be made that is in the interests of all current and future Tasmanians.

Most importantly, a more holistic approach should be pursued with respect to sport and health in Tasmania with the aim of facilitating greater engagement across a wide range of sporting and other physical activities within the Tasmanian community. For example, imagine creating a multipurpose sports precinct that includes a stadium but also includes broader sporting infrastructure that facilitates a range of sporting and other physical activity opportunities for the wider Tasmanian community.

Macquarie Point may not be the best location to create such a multipurpose sports precinct. But if not Macquarie Point, then there are other locations across Tasmania. One location to consider is Launceston. There are already a number of sporting and other physical activity areas located in Invermay from York Park in the South to Churchill Park sports field and the Heritage Forest in the North.

Finally, further developing a multipurpose sports and activity precinct in this area within Launceston (or any other area) should be discussed with all stakeholders. This discussion should start with local stakeholders who already use this area, and then if there is in principle support, this discussion should extend to stakeholders across Tasmania, and then extend to stakeholders beyond Tasmania.

Thank you again for this opportunity to offer feedback.

Regards, Graham.