

Macquarie Point Multipurpose Stadium – Enabling Legislation Consultation - Feedback

I do not support the proposed enabling legislation to progress development approval for the Macquarie Point Multipurpose Stadium. The proposed legislation is inadequate, inappropriate and will increase the risk of the stadium project being mismanaged with budget blowouts and proponents not addressing issues identified by TPC and expert panels. If the stadium project was to go ahead, then it is essential that project planning and development follow the normal, established planning process including assessments by the TPC and other expert panels.

I urge the Government to abandon the proposed Macquarie Point stadium project because expert assessments have identified multiple issues with the project, including prohibitive costs, unrealistic economic returns/business case, unsuitability of the Macquarie Point site including the stadium footprint being physically too big for that site, incompatibility with cultural and heritage values and existing waterfront uses and developments, and traffic and parking issues. Polling indicates that Tasmanians have low overall confidence in the viability and merit of the project. The Government must consider better planning options and proposals for Macquarie Point with a view to making best use of this waterfront site to strategically build Tasmania's best possible future for our collective well-being. The Government must renegotiate the terms of its contract with the AFL and find a sustainable path forward for enabling a Tasmanian AFL team and focusing on improving current stadiums where AFL games are hosted.

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