

Community Response to Macquarie Point Planning Permit Bill 2025

I do not agree to the Macquarie Point Planning Permit Bill 2025 on the following grounds:

- There has been no integrity of process since the initial agreement was made with the AFL
- There is no mandate from the people of Tasmania – between 56-60% of people polled oppose the stadium and an even greater number (70%) oppose the stadium costing more than \$375 million.
- There are still no final plans for the look of the stadium
- There are no final costings for the stadium
- There has been no mention as to how the \$240 million provided by the Federal Government will use that money for social housing at Macquarie Point as per the original proposal.
- *Mr Albanese promised it would include social housing and commercial and recreational spaces. ABC News Saturday 29 April 2023*
- The Tasmanian Planning Commission has already made significant findings in their interim report (March 2025) on why the project should not go ahead based on location, heritage, cost, transport, cityscape and safety to evacuate the site.

Based on the above reasons:

- I completely reject the Macquarie Point Planning Permit Bill
- I completely reject all legislation which exempts the stadium build from all common law rights of appeal. This is undemocratic and underhanded and sets up a precedent for the future.
- I completely reject parliament acting as a planning authority and over-riding existing planning processes and the Hobart City Council
- I completely reject Tasmania going in to further debt for the stadium
- I completely reject a stadium at Macquarie Point