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SUBMISSION ON MACQUARIE POINT STADIUM

With State debt at \$7.3 billion (ABC News, 30 May 2025) I do not think adding more debt for a stadium is prudent in these difficult economic times.

With a likely project cost of more than \$1 billion (it's \$945m at the moment, ABC News 27 May) there are other more pressing needs for Tasmania, rather than a game of football and associated ancillary entertainment.

I would suggest there are three more pressing needs:

1. fixing the health system,
2. enhancing education and
3. providing better roads.

As someone who has recently had to use the State health system I can say that it does not stack up well against WA, where we moved from seven months ago. I fractured my wrist and was told I could not see a doctor for four weeks. But heck, a game of footy would make that pain disappear.

That comment is not meant to be flippant but merely highlight the folly of a stadium, which I am told will only have 5000 more seats than Ninja Stadium.

I would also doubt that the infrastructure to accommodate increased traffic in the area can be made sufficient.

But the pressing issue is placing the financial burden on taxpayers. The stated cost to Tasmania is \$345 million. However, with stadium costs to rise from the above figures, the State contribution will also rise.

This is not fair. Many of today's politicians will probably be long gone, yet the tax burden will remain for many decades.



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