

Submission in support of the enabling legislation:

With the Macquarie Point Stadium enabling legislation being into state parliament, I implore all members to vote to let this legislation pass.

The Macquarie Point development legislation is about so much more than approving the construction of a multi-purpose stadium. This is about realising Tasmania's decades old dream of finally entering the national football competition. Make no mistake, if we don't build this stadium and enter the Devils into the AFL and AFLW, we will never get another chance. Not ever. This would be nothing short of devastating for Tasmania and would result in our state being seen as a national embarrassment. What message would this send to younger Tasmanian's? What message would this send to potential investors in our state? What would it do to Tasmania's image and how we, as Tasmanian's, feel about ourselves? I can't bear to think about it. We simply can't let this slip through our fingers. It would reinforce that negative Tasmanian cultural cringe view that we are less worthy than the rest of Australia and that we don't deserve what the rest of the country rightly has and enjoys. It's important to remember that it was the Tasmanian AFL task force that recommended a new stadium in Hobart - not the AFL, which is incorrectly argued time and time again.

I encourage all parliamentarians to vote for Tasmania's future and let our team go ahead. Because, it is abundantly clear, no stadium = no team. There is no other option on the table. Will the AFL and all 18 club presidents reconsider the condition of a new stadium? No.

It is now abundantly clear that a vote against the stadium is a vote to kill our team, the Tasmania Devils. That would be heartbreaking.

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