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**Sydney Stadiums Strategy - Allianz**

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As an introduction, my name is David John Blackett.

I am a director of Blackett Maguire + Goldsmith, being one of the leading BCA consultancy and certification firms in NSW.

I am an accredited building certifier at an unrestricted level in various States and Territories including NSW.

I am also a BCA consultant of 20 years' experience.

My experience as a building code consultant & certifier includes consultancy services on countless crown buildings and developments under the control of State Govt. Our experience also extends to buildings of public assembly including sporting facilities, grandstands and stadiums.

Our office has had involvement with Allianz Stadium, through the SCG Trust since mid-2014 including consultancy & certification services, compliance audits, coordination of fire brigade site meetings, and providing advice to the Trust in relation to compliance and risk mitigation measures as applicable to fire and life safety.

*Background*

As a brief background, the construction of Allianz Stadium was completed in 1988 under the building code provisions of Ordinance 70.

Ordinance 70 was superseded by the Building Code of Australia in the early 1990's.

The Building Code of Australia 2016 is the minimum building code that applies throughout Australia today.

The design of contemporary stadiums in Australia are subject to compliance with the performance-based Building Code of Australia 2016.

Other codes and guidelines that are applicable to contemporary stadium designs in Australia include the International Green Guide and the Disability Legislation (DDA).

The provisions outlined in updated versions of building codes in Australia are generally not retrospective to existing buildings. However there are a number triggers that may necessitate consideration for upgrade of any existing buildings to comply with current codes and standards. These triggers are a combination of statutory requirements to upgrade and / or otherwise triggers based on moral obligation and owner responsibility, particularly in relation to publics of public assembly.

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I understand that much of today's inquiry will include questions in relation to the compliance audits of Allianz Stadium, our findings & recommendations and the Certificate of Occupancy that has been issued in relation to the ongoing use of the Stadium.

Respecting that some of the documentation in relation to these matters remain *privileged documents*, and hence I will be unable to discuss in detail, I would be more than happy to provide responses to the Committees questions in relation to these matters as best I can.

*My understanding is that that document is a privileged document, Therefore I would be more than happy to take the question on notice.*