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Dear Committee

The Allianz Moore park stadium should only be renovated. It should not be rebuilt. The state of NSW has much more important things on which to spend precious taxpayer dollars. The taxpayer should not fund any of the work done on the stadiums.

Funds from the stadium splurge should be redirected to increased funding of Public Schools and Public Hospitals. Also funds should be put into public green spaces. Examples include:

- 1) Clovelly Public School - the playground is unsafe and decaying. It needs to be upgraded and repaired.
- 2) All public schools in NSW need their unsafe unflued gas heaters replaced with flued ones.
- 3) The Hunter Wetlands in Newcastle need adequate funding to allow this Ramsar listed wetlands, that is an irreplaceable educational and recreational space, to have a sustainable future.

The elite professional sports should pay for any renovation of their stadiums. This is only fair given that many national parks, managed public spaces and public schools are being forced to raise funds for the running and maintenance of these places. The professional sports may have to reduce their excessive player/administrator payments in order to pay for the stadium renovations. This is a good thing.

Thanks for your time.

Regards