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Why is Government policy focused on creating major sports and entertainment facilities on the edge of a congested city & eastern suburbs with inadequate public transport, when the larger population and demand for such facilities is in Western Sydney?

This rebuild is not just about sports – it's about creating a multi-complex entertainment precinct. Again, why is this not located in the centre of population in Western Sydney, where there is a much greater demand and significantly fewer facilities?

Infrastructure NSW has given a time frame of 6 months to assess the project. This is an unusually fast determination for a project of this size and complexity. The Government appears to be fast tracking an approval so demolition of the current stadium can occur before the next election.

Why has the Government's failed to engage in any meaningful community consultation?

Why the Government's unwillingness to release the strategic business case to justify the proposal?

How is a project that costs more than the benefits it will bring a good proposition? How can you justify the ongoing loss of trees to facilitate an expanded footprint of the new stadium?

How can you justify the increased traffic congestion? The combination of the sporting stadia and the widened road to accommodate the Alexandria to Moore Park Connector from St Peters Interchange to Anzac Parade is a recipe for further gridlock.

Surely you should be addressing the failure of the Sydney Cricket & Sports Ground Trust to maintain the stadium which has led to the current safety and security problems.

All parking should be taken off the grass and be restricted to the new facility, under built-on areas (noting that light rail which will act as a new mode of transport for people coming to the stadium).