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I am writing to express my opposition to Government's proposal to demolish and rebuild the stadium at Moore Park.

The Government has not been able to demonstrate that there is community support or a strong business case for the proposal.

I see numerous shortcomings in the Government's proposal including:

- their failure to engage in any meaningful community consultation.
- their apparent unwillingness to release the strategic business case to justify the proposal.
- the fact that the proposal has a benefit-cost ratio of less than one
 - meaning the project will cost far more than it benefits.
- the disruption to the surrounding residential (conservation) areas and parklands from demolition, construction and operations.
- the ongoing loss of trees to facilitate an expanded footprint of the new stadium.
- the increased traffic congestion that will result from 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.
- the ongoing use of the Moore Parklands for spectator parking
 - 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).

I further note the need to preserve the former Sydney Showground, which now appears under threat of commercialisation and appropriation for professional sport, for much-needed community/amateur sports use (both indoor and outdoor).

Thank you for your consideration of this submission.