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I am writing to express my concern and dismay regarding the proposed stadium redevelopment at Moore Park.

Spending any public money on a privately-run stadium, is to say the least, concerning, and begs the question as to where any profits from the stadium have been spent. The failure of the Sydney Cricket & Sports Ground Trust to maintain the stadium, which has led to the current safety and security problems, should not just be ignored by The State, nor should the public be paying the bill.

As a Sydney-sider my entire life, I feel the overall sentiment towards our all levels of our current government has never been lower. The State government's brazen actions to continually ignore true public consultation, to not provide any realistic business case for the works, and to simply push a 'demolish and rebuild' plan, is core to why we have lost faith in the government to act in the public interest. I don't know many people who are fortunate enough to completely demolish their current homes only to rebuild entirely, when it's obvious that an upgrade/renovation of the asset would be cheaper and result in a better outcome.

Lastly, the Premier's conduct on avoiding any direct answers regarding the business case for the project stinks! The fact our Premier does not believe she should fully disclose details to the public, that her office can push the agenda without justifying the material benefits, and that a mismanaged stadium who has taken profits at the expense of upkeep and now expects a publicly funded bailout, beggars belief.

I ask that you, as an elected public official, use this inquiry to ensure public money is not misspent, and to ensure that any public works only receive approval when accompanied by a publicly available and acceptable business case.

Thank you.