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Sport is certainly a vital part of community well-being, and as such, Governments have a legitimate interest in encouraging and facilitating sporting activities.

That's the problem here: the proposed stadium is not so much about NSW citizens' participation in sporting activity. This proposal is about the consumption of the packaged entertainment promoted and subsidized by Australian and international media.

If there is a business case (and the electorate is not easily persuaded that it's been misplaced), I have no doubt that the economics of media for proposed events will be central to the expected income stream.

No, there has been insufficient community consultation on this project, which has been pushed through by Cabinet without attention to the proper Parliamentary processes.

To proceed with this in the face of such failures and such opposition is folly in every respect.

I urge the Parliament to put the brakes on, or to be seen as wantonly reckless with public finances, and that is something the people will not forgive.