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Dear Parliament,

I am frankly agog at the government's plans for Philip Cox's award-winning stadium at Moore Park.

We are living in difficult times - wages are stagnating and the costs of food, energy & healthcare are rising. There is less money to go around and our public services are stretched almost to breaking point.

And yet the NSW government thinks now is a good time to spend \$1.8 billion on re-building and refurbishing 2 stadia without any significant call from the public to do so.

What's worse is that despite spending a whopping \$20 million on consulting for this plan, the government is yet to publish the business case so the public can make an informed decision on whether to support this plan.

The evidence that is available suggests that this plan will only provide a modest increase in capacity at the two sites and that the expected benefit in real terms will be less than the cost expended.

The government has also failed to explain how this plan benefits the Western Suburbs, the centre of population growth in Sydney and an area lacking in professional sporting facilities.

The NSW government should publish business case for this plan immediately and commit to a reasonable period of time for the community to consult.

Kind regards