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I'm concerned the NSW Stadium Strategy is not in the best interest of NSW. My concern is highlighted by;

1. Wasteful demolition of architecture: What a waste to demolish a stadium only 32 years into its life. I support the refurbishment of the existing stadium to address maintenance and compliance issues.
2. Neglect by Sydney Cricket & Sports Ground Trust to maintain the stadium which has led to the current safety and security problems.
3. I believe the strategy is misguided. As Sydney grows we should be providing more sporting facilities in our expanding western suburbs, not wastefully rebuilding existing infrastructure.
4. The secrecy, backflips, dodgy numbers, and the refusal to release a business case for the strategy is further evidence that the public interest is not at the forefront of the strategy.

I urge the enquiry to;

1. Demand the Government reconsider their decision and put the broader interest of the public ahead of the gains of a small and influential group.
2. Consider the negligence of those responsible for the poor maintenance of the stadium.

Regards,
Ben Peake