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## INQUIRY INTO SYDNEY STADIUMS STRATEGY

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I disagree with the Government's proposal to demolish this relatively recent, architecturally important, award-winning stadium when there is no obvious need and alterations can be done to meet any upgrades required for safety or other realistic reasons.

The Government's policy focused on creating major sports and entertainment facilities on the edge of a congested city & eastern suburbs with inadequate public transport is unacceptable when the larger population and demand for such facilities is in Western Sydney?

This is a misleading proposal. This rebuild appears to be about creating a multi-complex entertainment precinct. Why is this not located in the centre of population in Western Sydney, where there is a much greater demand and significantly fewer facilities?

Infrastructure NSW has given a rushed timeframe of 6 months to assess the project. This is an unusually fast determination for a project of this size and complexity. The Government appears to be fast-tracking an approval so demolition of the current stadium can occur before the next election.

The Government has failed to engage in any meaningful community consultation and has failed to release the strategic business case to justify the proposal.

There is a benefit-cost ratio of less than one which means meaning it will cost far more than it benefits the community.

There will be unnecessary disruption to the surrounding residential (conservation) areas and parklands from demolition, construction and operations, which will not only include sporting events but large music concerts.

There will be an unacceptable loss of trees to facilitate an expanded footprint of the new stadium.

Traffic congestion will be massively increased by the combination of the sporting stadia and the widened road to accommodate the Alexandria to Moore Park Connector from St Peter's Interchange to Anzac Parade making a recipe for further gridlock.

There has been an abject failure of the Sydney Cricket & Sports Ground Trust to maintain the stadium which has led to the current safety and security problems.

There has been an ongoing unacceptable use of the Moore Parklands for spectator parking which 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).

There is an essential need to preserve the former Sydney Showground, which is now under threat of commercialisation and appropriation for professional sport, for much-needed community and amateur indoor and outdoor sports use.