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What a great idea to rebuild the stadiums. One of them is just down the road from my grand-daughter's primary school. She has fantastic teachers but the school only has a tiny playground, no grass area at all, and peeling paint on the walls. So the school should simply move in to that lovely new facility. Lots of play space for the kids and nice new seating. Add a desk to each seat and they'll be good to go. I'm sure the footballers and cricketers would be only too happy to share, it only seems fair. But the kiddies' toilets might be a bit small for the front row forwards. That was my letter to the Herald on 12th June last year.

So, to rephrase it, don't give the money to the stadiums, let the sports clubs pay for them if they want them, they're rolling in money. Instead (since you've got that sort of money to use) put the funding where it is really needed - take a walk to Darlinghurst Public School, (just for one example out of thousands) and see if you still feel comfortable about splashing out on a completely unnecessary stadium knockdown and rebuild. If you don't care about the morality of it, think of the votes - can't you smell the wave of public opinion against the stadiums.