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## **INQUIRY INTO SYDNEY STADIUMS STRATEGY**

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There are many reasons to question the wisdom of the current stadiums policy.

Here are just a few....

1) Why is the Government creating major sports and entertainment facilities in an already congested city, with inadequate public transport, when the larger population and demand for such facilities is in Western Sydney?

2) Why is the approval process being rushed? The timeframe to assess the project is 6 months which is apparently unusually fast for a project of this size and complexity. Is it being fast tracked so the current stadium is already demolished before the next election?

Why has there been no serious community consultation? Why no release of a strategic business case to justify the proposal? Especially when the benefit-cost ratio is apparently less than one – meaning the project will cost far more than it benefits. What of the increased traffic congestion and the ongoing loss of trees to enable the expanded footprint of the new stadium? Why has the Sydney Cricket & Sports Ground Trust been allowed to run down the existing stadium? And if they are so inept why are they still in charge?