

INQUIRY INTO SYDNEY STADIUMS STRATEGY

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The Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP
Premier of New South Wales
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Dear Premier

I refer to your letter 18/2-3267 dated 09 April 2018 providing an update on the matter of the proposed rebuild of stadia in Sydney.

I note that the government has recently announced that the Sydney Olympic ("ANZ") Stadium will now be refurbished rather than knocked down and rebuilt. However, you indicate that your Government is continuing with its proposal to knock down and rebuild the Sydney Football ("Allianz") Stadium (SFS).

While the decision to refurbish rather than knock-down-rebuild the Olympic Stadium is welcomed, your Government's continued stubbornness in relation to the knock-down-rebuild of the SFS remains unacceptable and must be changed. I do not accept your contention that maintaining the SFS is not viable. I also do not accept (and I have seen no credible economic analysis to support) your contention that this rebuild will provide any benefits to the broader NSW population or economy.

The only people who will benefit from your Government's proposal will be elite sporting bodies, corporate sponsors and building developers, and it is difficult not to believe that it is these groups to which the Government is pandering.

Further, if, as you state, the Trustees of the Sydney Cricket and Sports Ground Trust have allowed the SFS deteriorate to the extent that it needs to be knocked down and cannot be refurbished, then they all must be sacked for negligent governance.

You cannot have it both ways.

Yours sincerely



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