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As a long-term resident of the Eastern Suburbs I strongly oppose the Government's proposal to demolish and rebuild the stadium.

I am angry there has been no meaningful community consultation or presentation of a business case for this proposal by the Government. I regularly access the roads, cycle paths, and parklands in the vicinity of the stadium by public transport, car, bicycle, or on foot. These are a few of my reasons for believing the expansion of this facility is wrong, and why I will do everything I can to fight it.

The further threat to or loss of mature trees and/or green space is unconscionable

The main attraction for recreational activity in the area is Centennial Park. Funding vital to its maintenance and protection should be a priority

Public transport is inadequate and the venue is already difficult to access.

Unlike most large cities, traffic congestion in Sydney's East peaks at weekends, especially in summer, when people are drawn to our beaches as well as to Westfield. Parked cars contribute to congestion in the vicinity of the stadium already.

I fundamentally disagree with such use of public funds. In contrast with protest votes raised on change.org platform, there has been no groundswell of public support for this project, and no justification of the expenditure has been forthcoming.

The Government has made no attempt to challenge a perception it works behind closed doors for self-serving reasons.

This is unacceptable.

Kate Mould