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In response:

- The inner city / Moore Park area is already facing a substantive increase in the population. Most development will be high-rise with some precincts having the highest densities in Australia. As such there will be a greater reliance on the regional open space such as Moore Park. Consequently the redevelopment of the stadium as part of a mega entertainment area is in the wrong spot. Instead its needed in western Sydney, not in the most congested part of Sydney that is already experiencing significant challenges in terms of residential amenity, traffic chaos and insufficient open space;
- The community consultation process was inadequate and did not provide sufficient information;
- The summary cost benefit analysis indicates a ratio less than 1:1. This should have seen the project declined. In addition, the detailed business case should have been released;
- The loss of more trees including some significant trees to change the footprint should not occur. In addition more trees in Moore Park are likely to go in order to cater for spill-over or other facilities;
- The process is being fast-tracked to facilitate the stadium's demolition ahead of the next state election;
- Communications with members of the SGC suggest that there will be spill over into Moore Park, with changes made. This has not been disclosed;
- Road upgrades to accommodate traffic from Westconnex to Moore Park will only serve to induce traffic thereby causing more traffic chaos. The upgrades will also see more of Sydney's significant trees lost;
- The research shows that the new light rail won't have sufficient capacity to absorb the plans for a mega entertainment precinct.
- The environmental impact of a knockdown vs refurbishment