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My objections to this expensive replacement of the stadia are as follows:-

- The cost-effectiveness of the site appears sub-optimal: the greatest demand would appear to be closer to the centroid of Sydney's population. There has been no cost-benefit study or geographic study to find the optimal location. Not to do this for such large and costly projects appears to border on maladministration if not corruption.
- Unclear objectives: the objective of building a multi-complex entertainment precinct is not publicised to the extent such large expenditures should normally warrant. If there is such a need in Sydney, they should be more welcome closer to Sydney's population centroid.
- Corrupted planning process: Infrastructure NSW is specifying only 6 months to assess the project. For such a large project, this is too short and will lead to increased costs, as has happened with the Light Rail for much the same reason. In that project, the objective was to finish before the next election. In this case, the objective appears to be to start before the next election.
- Minimal community consultation: There has been little community consultation. I cannot recall any.
- Unwarranted secrecy: The strategic business case has not been released. The benefit-cost ratio seems to be less than one.
- Disruption: the surrounding residential areas, parklands, sporting events and large music concerts will all be disrupted and no costs for these have been made public.
- Will more large fig trees be lost because of the expanded footprint of the new stadium?
- No explanation of traffic impacts: how will these stadia effect the traffic from WestConnex?
- Why has the Sydney Cricket & Sports Ground Trust allowed the stadium to develop the current safety and security problems?
- Would the new facilities reduce or increase the need for parking in Moore Park?
- Would this project enhance the use of Sydney Showground, community and amateur sports?