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Demolishing existing stadiums and rebuilding them is a waste of taxpayers money. There has been totally inadequate community consultation. In the case of the Parramatta stadium there has been a loss of community public space and amenity with the demolition of the much appreciated swimming pool. The stadium location should never have been built within a public park and so far from public transport. There is no adequate funding from State Government to provide a new pool. Pools provide much greater public lifestyle/health benefits than stadiums,

There are many other better uses for taxpayer funds too many to list here, Stadiums are essentially a commercial enterprise for the benefit of corrupt football clubs and their patrons, This is but a tiny cross section of our society.

Above all there must be greater community engagement and consultation and greater commercial transparency. "Commercial in confidence" is not good enough.