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The Hon Robert Brown MLC
c/- Legislative Council Committee
Parliament of NSW
Macquarie Street
Sydney NSW 2000

Re : Inquiry into the Sydney Stadiums Strategy

Dear Mr Brown

I attended the SFS Redevelopment Community Information Session on Tuesday 8th May. I was left with the impression that a lot of money was proposed for the stadium alone, and not its associated infrastructure. With their failure to provide any parking on their land, the SCG is relying on parking provided in Moore Park, even though the Moore Park Master Plan clearly aims to remove parking from its grassed areas.

I fear the potential for this important public Parkland to be overwhelmed by and for the interests of the SCG.

I have attached a copy of the email I submitted for the SFS Redevelopment Feedback. I seriously hope that the public and community use and enjoyment of Moore Park is not lost to the SCG and SFS, and the commercial interests who have leased the EQ. Nor should it be just a series of paths and roads leading elsewhere.

Yours sincerely

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Attachments: 2 emails to SFS Redevelopment
13/5/18 and 14/5/18

Sydney Football Stadium Redevelopment Feedback

Vivien Ward

Sun 13/05/2018 3:13 PM

To: sfsredevelopment@infrastructure.nsw.gov.au <sfsredevelopment@infrastructure.nsw.gov.au>;

Dear Sir / Madam

I attended your SFS Redevelopment Community Information Session on Tuesday 8th May.

This proposal relies on your use of **a lot of public money**. Given this, I would trust that any new building is called the Sydney Football Stadium, rather than promoting a sponsor's name. I would also hope that you are planning for a new stadium to have a life of more than 30 years.

Apart from the massive expenditure of public money, I have concerns in the following areas.

(a) You emphasise the need for better viewing of the game, improved weather protection, more wheelchair access, more toilets, and reduced food queues for patrons.

However :

- **You do not have mention of a retractable roof;**
- **You are not providing parking;**
- **You are not providing offices or other facilities for your sports partners (Roosters, Waratahs).**

(b) You say that the new stadium will be built totally on your land.

However, you will still (and increasingly) impacting on public parkland. You will not be giving back any of the hard surfaced areas ^{west} east of Driver Avenue. **You are still expecting MoorePark to provide parking.** You are still having buses. All this, **despite billions of dollars being spent on Light Rail** and its dreadful environmental impacts on Moore Park. You will have further hard surfaced paths from the Light Rail stop to your area. Does security and traffic management become the responsibility of the Parklands Management?

There was a rush to finish the Albert 'Tibby' Cotter Bridge for World Cup Cricket. It also took a lot of Moore Park land, and has not been well placed for people who use Moore Park generally. Even a second bridge has to be built for school students to access the Light Rail stop.

(c) You would like to open your access to Fox Studios and the EQ. **This could have a big influence on what options are provided for the public in these Parkland owned areas.** These areas should be offering a wide variety of opportunities for the public, probably beyond football and cricket. The area that is under the Trusteeship of the Centennial and Moore Park Trust is **public**, and not all the public are football followers.

(d) There is a reference to Landscaping, removing walls and fences, providing community areas. Only concepts are provided at this stage. The integrity of the public Parklands needs to be totally and openly respected. You are going to retain the fig tree in Moore Park Road, **but** you are removing other trees. **There have already been too many trees removed in this area.**

The Parklands do not receive public money on this scale from the State Government, in fact they are expected to be self-funding, without the benefit of admission charges and membership fees that you enjoy. You are being given a massive amount of public money in this project alone. It is a very clear difference.

There is also a very significant value of the Parklands, including Moore Park, for use other than football and cricket. This redevelopment is described in your brochure as a step in the Government's plan for 'the transformation of Moore Park into a premier sporting and entertainment precinct.' Your assertion that you are building only on your land could well be misleading if Moore Park is to be considered predominately as supporting access to and use by the SCG and SFS. I find that concerning.

Yours sincerely



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13th May 2018

Sydney Football Stadium Redevelopment Feedback

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Mon 14/05/2018 1:53 PM


To: sfsredevelopment@infrastructure.nsw.gov.au <sfsredevelopment@infrastructure.nsw.gov.au>;

Dear Sir / Madam

I would like to make a correction to the comments I emailed to you yesterday.

In my section (b) I referred to the hard surfaced areas of Moore Park "east of Driver Avenue". Clearly this should be '**west of Driver Avenue**', as it is referring to the areas where your patrons access buses. I was very surprised to see that there seems to be no modification of your use of Moore Park despite the Light Rail being provided as a people mover to events at the SCG and surrounds.

Yours sincerely



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