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Dear Sir, Madam,

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission.
My concern relates primarily to the NSW Government and SCG Trust decision to redevelop the Allianz Stadium and Moore Park area.

There are a number of concerns I have with this plan. My family and I have attended sporting events at Moore Park for many years, mainly at the SCG but also Allianz. We also (happily) occasionally travel out to games at Homebush. As a local resident I have not received any communication on the planning for this decision.

1. Traffic

The amount of development and infrastructure needed to cater for the increased sporting visitors would be huge. Already there is no easy train access like there is at Homebush. Visitors are bussed in from Central Station- other train access is at Kings Cross or Bondi Junction. Bus queues are lengthy. This development would have a significant and negative impact on an already congested precinct. When we kick a ball around with our kids at Kippax Lake on any given day, we are surrounded by roads and traffic already. Anzac Parade or Oxford St are always busy and especially so on a game day. Why would you put a "major international stadium" into a suburb that cannot cater for those numbers or events?

2. Current stadium- the current Allianz Stadium is rarely even full. NRL games do not attract the numbers to warrant a new stadium. Fox EQ may not be that busy because the retail and dining options are pretty lame. It has nothing to do with the games on! Look at Centennial Park and its new bike hire and cafe options. It is packed all the time. This is what people want to do- get outside into a beautiful park!

3. As demonstrated by the public outcry on the decision- we want to preserve our green space. We need more trees, better public transport and less cars.

4. As per point #3 - why would you spend so much public money on something which isn't needed? My son's local public primary school has recently had it's ability to enter competitive sport reduced by the PSSA (the NSW Dept Ed sports association). They can only field one team per sport which means under half of the kids can compete. We won't encourage grass roots sport in schools and yet we can throw away billions on something which is neither wanted or will be utilised by the general public at large? And I now read they want to rush this through before an election- unbelievable.

I thank you for allowing submissions on this subject and I hope that the Moore Park decision is revoked.

Kind regards,
Joanna Forman