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Submission related to New Parramatta Stadium lack of public consultation

The announcement of the revamped Parramatta Stadium was made and the process to Build was already underway, when the public was invited to consult.

What was after the scope was decided, so Effectively the Horse had bolted.

I wrote to the agency expressing the lop-sided arrangement where the Community had enjoyed a multipurpose space of a major Stadium and Pool for several Years. This was the best of both worlds for the whole community. Was to be replaced by predetermined ready to Build design.

Impacts on Parklands and impact on Sustainable Built environment

It was a proposal that would not only impact the site, but now the continued significant intrusion on the only major public parklands for Sydney's Central City Parramatta.

Unlike Sydney that has significant Large parklands that are of cultural, scientific / educational and open passive recreational areas. Parramatta has only one space!

The Need of the Parramatta city is to increase the open space for all these pursuits. But what's was given was a reduction in the open space.

The consequence of removing the Pool from the Venue was to rob the city of another open space within the Parramatta Regional Park.

The need as was my submission and others to the Development was a 5-degree change in orientation and both Pool and New Stadium could continue to exist.

What was predesigned wasn't appropriate

But the Deal was done. No logic or Correspondence was going to change, What the Venues NSW had signed up for.

This project is for us, is unfortunately just another example of the Developer driven Infrastructure provision policy of the government in recent times.

The Opportunity to enter real dialogue, by way of including the community as a stakeholder, in our wider cities development, was denied the wider community in favour of what a commercial interest had proposed.

Purpose:

The question is then who is the stadium for? This was never answered.

Later in the process it was reported that even the consulted sporting parties had minimal impact on what's to be delivered and its suitability, told what was to be delivered, so they will also have to work around the inadequate planning and consultation process.

The only winner is the Stadiums developer and sectional interests in the Government.

The premise that Western Sydney needs a stadium is true. the issue, should it be in another venue was never canvased. So effectively Geoff Lee just told us that it was going to happen.

What Western Sydney Lost

So, we lost the opportunity to have another sporting venue to increase western Sydney's overall seating in Western Sydney for large events was LOST. We have been duped again.

What's worst is we lost a major swimming pool and we will lose more parkland, both are more critical to this Built environment than a couple of hundred extra seats more than we had in a Great revamped Parramatta sporting stadium.

So I can't swim in my local pool for another 3 to 4 years