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I have a number of strong objections to the proposal to demolish the current stadium at Moore Park and build a new stadium in its place as follows:

(1) Proper and due process for the planning approval of this proposal does not appear to have been carried out. 6 months to assess a project of this size and nature is totally inadequate. The community at large appear to have many concerns about this project and the government, in this instance has not conducted any meaningful community consultation.

(2) It appears this proposal is not just a sports stadium but a plan for an extended entertainment complex. The Eastern suburbs of Sydney is already very congested and it would be far better to locate a sports and/or entertainment facility in the western suburbs where there is a larger population and where facilities are in demand.

(3) The costs involved to build such a complex is a huge sum and the money would be far better spent in providing much needed funds for schools and health care facilities across the state. The people of NSW have not been provided with a proper business case to justify this proposal nor a proper cost benefit ratio study.

(4) Given the ongoing densification of inner city areas it is more important than ever to conserve parklands and trees. No park or grassland should be provided for spectator parking