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I wish to object to the NSW Government Stadia Policy and in particular the proposal to demolish the Sydney Football Stadium (also known as Allianz Stadium) ('SFS') on the following basis:

- it is a gross misuse of public monies that is not supported by a commercially viable business case;
- it is not required in the Eastern Suburbs as the current SFS is rarely ever filled;
- a refurbishment and maintenance plan for the current SFS would adequately provide a workable solution for many years to come;
- suggested Safety Concerns are not as significant as the Government is making out
- if they were the SFS would today already have to closed for public use and that is not the case;
- the rushed planning process is not providing adequate time for public consultation or for a proper planning and budgetary process.
- At the recent Community Consultation for the new Stadium I was appalled by the concept that the demolition of the existing SFS will happen in Stage 1 as soon as possible in 2018 and well ahead of final planning and costing process is completed which is in Stage 2 - well after the exisiting facility is gone. I asked why this would happen and I was advised this is a standard process for the NSW Government - recent examples of this resulting in massive costs blow-outs and delays are the construction of the Tibby Cotter Bridge across Anzac Parade and the CBD Light Rail project. I asked the hypothetical if anyone would do this if they bought an existing house and wanted to build a new one - demolish first before you get the costs and plan finalised for building a new one? The answer was deafening silence for a while followed by a muted 'No'.

On all of these bases there is no reason as to why any permission should be given for the government to demolish the SFS and waste billions on building any new stadia