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Regarding the Sydney Stadiums Strategy:

1. stadiums are not essential infrastructure and are used by minority of population and on occasional basis
2. they usually generate more costs than income and need to be subsidised by the government/local community (taxes)
3. significant concerns over fast tracked planning process, especially given essential infrastructure like public transport, hospitals and schools are considered as "less urgent"
4. events at stadiums create massive traffic congestions that are burdensome to the local communities
5. the consultation with the community is just a "lip service" (like in the case of chopping down majestic tree alleys along Anzac Parade and Alison rode and replacing them with massive concrete heat islands)

The funding should be used instead to build new rail inks (real passenger rail), subway and local schools to start catering for the already happening and for the planned densification of the population in the area. Schools, hospitals and public transport are the essential infrastructure we all need - stadiums are not . The stadiums can wait another 10-20 years for the upgrade - kids, their parents and sick people cannot wait.