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Dear Premier and all MPs of New South Wales

There are many critical flaws to your Moore Park Stadium proposal.

1. Major sporting events, while important, are not as critical to the community as many other activities and facilities. The case has not been made well, or believably, for pulling down a fairly recent building and replacing it with another - all for a possible five to ten days of the year when it attracts a decent crowd. We do need funding in vital areas of everyday life such as education facilities and staffing, particularly TAFE, public transport, HEALTH and sporting facilities at a local level.

2. If there is a business case to be made, AND it has not been, then those who are set to make it a profitable venture should be the ones to invest - the football codes and of course the Sydney Cricket Ground Trust. The current business issues it faces is that Sydney crowds are fickle and a day out is increasingly expensive.

3. This state government is hopeful of building on a site, and in an area, that is surrounded by one of the most historic parklands and Avenues of our city (already insultingly defaced with historic trees being felled for your badly-planned light rail project). If you are so determined to let the western suburbs reap some benefits of your government largesse, then build it elsewhere in a central population centre (maybe where your Powerhouse 2 project is planned).

So I urge you to see the obvious;

- it is not needed,
- a larger stadium does not suit the current real and virtual environment,
- it is a shameful waste of public funds (NOT a priority)
- there is no decent business case, and if there were, then those parties should propose their own development without the use of government funds,
- major sporting events are losing their appeal due to their cost
- increasingly people (due to cost) enjoy viewing at home or on large screens at local facilities like pubs and clubs thank you