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re: Demolition of Allianz Stadium.

This is an appalling project - the Stadium is an award winning public structure that complements the surrounding spaces. The process has not been transparent, and appears to be an attempt to increase patronage in the face of falling attendances. If rates increase there will be increased traffic, insufficient parking for patrons and degradation of the surrounding historical suburbs which will bear the brunt of foot and vehicle traffic. "Opening up the precinct" to Paddington to allow patrons to flood across Moore Park Road is ill-conceived, and sets the surrounding residential areas as an extension for the new stadium's patrons. As it is the streets are clogged during matches by hire cars that have dropped off their passengers and wait double parked for them to return. How do emergency vehicles get through when this practice is encouraged? I have lived in Paddington for forty years, before Allianz was built. I have had to tolerate the behaviour of fans for the past 30 years. This new project is intended to increase the frequency of events with the concomitant drunks, vehicles and noise. It should be stopped ASAP before any further public money is wasted when the existing arrangement is tolerable. Go for the root cause of the attendance problem - events are too expensive and difficult to get to for fans and their families. Easier and cheaper to watch on Foxtel. Make the football codes and not the venue responsible for falling attendances.