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The inner city / Moore Park area is facing a substantive increase in the population with most new development high-rise and some precincts having the highest density in Australia. In addition, many suburbs already have the least amount of green space in Australia. As such there is a greater reliance on the regional open space particularly passive recreational areas such as Moore Park. Consequently the redevelopment of the stadium as part of a mega entertainment area is in the wrong spot. Instead it should be located in western Sydney, where it's needed not in the most congested part of Sydney that is already experiencing significant challenges in terms of residential amenity, traffic chaos and insufficient open space;

- The community consultation process has been inadequate and the recent community drop in sessions at the Stadium didn't provide sufficient information. Further, communications from the SGC to its members suggest that there will be spill over into Moore Park, with changes made.
- The process is being fast-tracked to facilitate the stadium's demolition ahead of the next state election;
- The cost benefit analysis indicates a ratio less than 1:1. This should have seen the project declined. In addition, the detailed business case should have been released;
- The loss of more trees including some significant trees on the site as a result of the change to the footprint should not occur. The redevelopment is likely to see more trees in Moore Park lost in order to cater for spill-over or other facilities;
- Road upgrades to accommodate traffic from Westconnex to Moore Park will only serve to induce more traffic thereby causing further traffic chaos. The upgrades will also see more significant trees lost;
- The research shows that the new light rail won't have sufficient capacity to absorb the plans for a mega entertainment precinct.
- The environmental impact of a 'knockdown' option vs the stadium's refurbishment.