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The Premier  
The Honourable Ms Gladys Berijiklian

Dear Premier,

#### SYDNEY FOOTBALL STADIUM

I write to express my objection to the demolition of the Sydney Football Stadium and it's proposed rebuild as a new stadium.

We are told that the existing stadium requires major refurbishment. All buildings require maintenance and I understand that the Sydney Cricket Ground Trust has failed to maintain this building while at the same time maintaining the SCG with many older heritage buildings. It should therefore be the responsibility of the SCG Trust to remedy and not at the expense of the general public.

It is fictitious to say the refurb of the existing building will cost \$714 million as against a new build cost of \$729 million. Without any supporting evidence one can only conclude that the numbers have been stacked to support the demands for a new stadium. In my view the existing stadium could be upgraded over a number of years with sequential building packages at far less cost than that which is suggested. If you were to spend \$50 million per year over 5 years surely most of the building concerns could be addressed? And let's face it the estimate for a new stadium is likely to be exceeded. On top of this it will require considerable ongoing maintenance costs or we will have the same problem.

Premier, can we see a proper remediation plan prepared with the intent of doing this work to the existing stadium rather than a cost prepared to support the case for knocking it down.

Yours sincerely

Elizabeth and Bill Morrison