

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO SYDNEY STADIUMS STRATEGY

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Submission: Moore Park knockdown /rebuild stadium proposal

I completely oppose the Government's irresponsible and wasteful proposal to destroy Philip Cox's award-winning stadium at Moore Park, and the lack of transparency surrounding the entire process, for the following reasons:

- **.Badly-judged location:** when the larger population and greater demand is in Western Sydney, what is the point of creating a major sports and entertainment facility on the edge of a congested city & eastern suburbs with inadequate public transport?
- **Deceptive proposal:** although presented as a "sports" issue, the real aim of this proposal is to create a multi-complex entertainment precinct, which, (as above), should be located in densely-populated Western Sydney, which has significantly fewer facilities.
- **Too - hasty planning process:** Infrastructure NSW has allowed only six months for assessing the project, which is unusually rapid determination for a such a large and complex project of this size and complexity. Is Government fast tracking an approval so demolition of the current stadium can occur before the State election in March 2019?
- **Lack of genuine community consultation**
- **Government's refusal to release the strategic business case** to justify the proposal
- **A benefit-cost ratio of less than one** – meaning the project will cost far more than it benefits
- **Disturbance to surrounding residential (conservation) areas and parklands** from demolition, construction and operations, (sporting events and large music concerts).
- **Ongoing erosion of trees** to facilitate an expanded footprint of the new stadium.
- **More traffic congestion** – the combination of the sporting stadia and the widened road to accommodate the Alexandria to Moore Park Connector from St Peters Interchange to Anzac Parade will create further gridlock.
- **Failure of the Sydney Cricket & Sports Ground Trust to maintain the stadium, causing the current safety and security problems.**

I further believe that

- **Use of Moore Parklands for spectator parking should be ongoing:** all parking should be limited to the new facility, under built-on areas (noting that light rail will act as a new mode of transport for people coming to the stadium).
- **The former Sydney Showground should be preserved** for essential community/amateur/sports use (indoor and outdoor). It is now under threat of privatisation for use as corporate headquarters for the major sporting codes.

Yours Faithfully
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