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I am writing in opposition to the proposed new Sydney Football Stadium (Allianz) on the following grounds:

- The dense residential area does not cope now with sporting & concert events at the current Stadium, with severe traffic, noise & lighting impacts. Though the proposal is for the same number of seats there will inevitably be a 'flow' on effect of further facilities, such as a tennis centre, club facilities etc. The major sporting & concert events of Sydney need to be in a more central location away from dense residential development - Homebush is perfect! - where public transport could be made to work well.
- The decision to rebuild rather than refurbish the current Stadium (which could well have reduced seating as a secondary Stadium) seems a profligate use of huge sums of public money, to benefit an elite and powerful Trust to the detriment of community sport, education, health & even infrastructure such as undergrounding of electricity (appropriate since the funding comes from sale of poles & wires) all which will have long-term benefits
- This is a one-off chance being squandered!
- Moore Parklands needs to be retained for community use of green space in such a time of densification - the community is already appalled at destruction caused by the light rail & the planned Alexandria to Moore Park connector.
- The secrecy of the process is also a huge problem. What is the Masterplan for Moore Park? Where is the business case for the rebuild? Has refurbishment been seriously considered? Why is the Minister of Sport the approving authority when he has such a vested interest? Is the light rail route largely for the benefit of the Trust? The process appears corrupt with a sporting elite (the Trust) using their power to influence government to irrationally fund this facility. Why are not all stadia under the one accountable managing agency?
- I urge you to stop this proposal & rationalise funding across all community needs.