

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO SYDNEY STADIUMS STRATEGY

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To whom it may concern,

Public, open space is at a premium in Sydney. The encroachment of private business or trusts onto public lands diminishes amenity and quality of life. I would much rather see Moore Park returned to marsh lands and wildlife habitat. There is no need for more toxic lawn sporting fields (fossil fuel inputs), or the anathema of parking for private polluting vehicles (fossil fuel inputs).

It is guaranteed there are more Rhodes-like sites in need of remediation and adaptation that would be more suitable to the namesake. The MacBank SACL Model of growth through parking is a recipe for disaster, not profit. We need wildlife corridors not freeways.

I commend to the inquiry the considered opinion of Ian Milliss given in the 2018 Evatt Memorial Lecture as to the need to collect arts, sport and culture into one department under one Minister and to fund tax and promote them equally and generously. Then maybe Sydney will flourish with its polyglot ethnicities, spectacular flora, fauna and landscape, and its unique climate and lifestyle. This knee-jerk rebuild and knock it down scenario is short sighted is more apropos of Robin Askin than an enlightened forward thinking world city. Could do better.

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