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INQUIRY INTO SYDNEY STADIUMS STRATEGY

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Dear NSW Premier
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Wasting money on tearing down, and then building another stadium for a quarter billion dollars on Moore Park is political suicide, and short-sighted

When you fly into Sydney from overseas one of the truly eye catching things you see from the aircraft window is the existing Philip Cox Stadium nestled in green surrounds of Moore & Centennial Parks. It is an icon.

The reasons for it's threatened destruction put in media and at briefing sessions do not ring true. The current stadium could be enhanced for a modest investment. If the current vested interests are telling you that you can get a brand new one for just 20 million more they are not using their brains. Get better architects.

Such a spend is wasteful. \$750 million could buy a new high school that is much more needed in the city region. Perhaps even two schools with significantly better returns on the investment over time. You already acknowledge that the business case for a Moore Park Stadium rebuild is flawed. So why support it? Must be an agenda being pushed by self-interested groups, or individuals.

In a smarter world we should re-fit, recycle and re-invigorate this marvelous icon with better food service, better toilets and amenities, and better seating. We don't need a hermetically sealed environment to watch sport. This stadium is rarely filled so the capacity argument doesn't hold water either. Sport these days is about TV rights so invest in better production facilities for the virtual audience who watch... as well as saving on the transport impacts and energy costs of driving from the edges of the metropolis.

Your government is not listening. Most people don't want a new stadium, they want a better-equipped existing facility. Save the money and your skin because if you proceed with this short-sighted plan you will be tossed out at the next election. If you think the electorate is stupid you will be consigned to history as a government without vision and worse, without morals.

Moore Park needs to be preserved for the ever increasing population who live here, not concreted over for outings of people movers. Get on with public transport for this choking city and stop wasting out taxes.

Yours for smarter city living,

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