INQUIRY INTO SYDNEY STADIUMS STRATEGY

Organisation: Daughters of ANZAC and Their Families

Date Received: 30 May 2018

Re: Submission for the Inquiry into the Sydney Stadiums Strategy

To Whom It May Concern

Please accept my late submission on behalf of **Daughters of ANZAC and Their Families**. My apologies for not being able to meet the deadline.

Daughters of ANZAC and Their Families was formed 3 years ago to shed light the almost-forgotten story of the events that took place at the Anzac Parade Memorial Obelisk and in Moore Park before, during and after World War1.

We note that sections 1 (i) and (j) of the Terms of Reference invite comment on this historic and special part of Sydney.

It was in Moore Park that volunteers in the AIF marched from where they were camped around Randwick Racecourse and what is now part of the University of New South Wales along Randwick Road, as it was then known, to Moore Park where they bade farewell to their families and friends before marching on to board their ships at Woolloomooloo. Moore Park became an important meeting place for families during the war and after until the last of the diggers died.

Of all the places in Sydney associated with World War 1, Moore Park is imbued with a significant *sense of place*. We ask you please to open the link to <u>daughtersofanzac.org</u> and glance at what we have put together.

Other concerns include:

- lighting from the stadium in one of the last dark places of Sydney;
- advertising in and around Moore Park;
- loss of open space for passive recreation;
- encroachment of small-scale sporting activities within this much-needed open space where freedom to roam is so important;
- loss of a peaceful place for quiet contemplation free of parked cars and sporting activities.

Our request is that Moore Park (and Anzac Parade and the Memorial Grove of trees) should be given maximum protection and should be included on the National Heritage list.

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