

Dear Minister for Planning and Public Spaces

We strongly object to the Applications for the following reasons :

* An approval would be irresponsible and a continuation of inadequate planning by previous successive governments due to lack of foresight and of proper forward planning.

There has been ongoing failures to plan to provide appropriate necessary local traffic and parking systems and other conditions for the “ long term “ future needs of the “ whole precinct “ which includes and is affected by “each “ of the following “ high impact venues” : The Stadium (SFS), SCG , Centennial and Moore Parks (C&M P), Moore Park Golf and Randwick Race Courses

The “ precinct “ also includes numerous surrounding old established densely populated residential suburbs. Further and Inevitably , such failures are also causing adverse flow on impacts in the general area particularly on the nearby St. Vincent’s and Prince of Wales hospitals and other important public venues and facilities.

* Consequences of the failures are causing unacceptable traffic congestions and bottlenecks with frequent delays and inconveniences which are “ public nuisance “ and potentially “ very dangerous “ by interfering with and delaying emergency services.

* An approval of the Applications would further aggravate an existing bad situation which is long overdue to addressed and rectified as much as possible “ before “ any such Application is even contemplated.

* It’s important and even essential that your Department take a” holistic” common sence approach and consider the likely impact of the Applications on the “ whole precinct and not just the SFS in isolation.”

* The current conditions limiting the events at the SFS were determined and set , for very good, hard fought reasons and “must remain”.

Furthermore ,the “SCG Trust “publicly undertook and promised “before and as a precondition“ to rebuilding the new SFS , that it would retain the existing concert cap conditions.

* Venues NSW has an ideal existing “alternative venue “ at “Olympic Stadium , Homebush“ It has been purpose built with all necessary facilities for major events and is geographically much better located at the centre of Sydney’s population.

* FURTHER please also note :

- The Lessee of E Q has publicly stated that it is seeking an extension of the term of its current Lease to “ 99years “ to enable it to spend “ \$ billions “to redevelop it into a major properly functioning commercially viable Centre

That will undoubtedly have a significant impact on the traffic system and conditions in the precinct and on the whole local area.

- C&M P are increasingly promoting their facilities to increase their “ user pay “ events and activities to enable them to continue to be self funded , as required by State Government

- There are also a natural increases in public demand and need for the valuable open spaces of the said parklands which need be recognized , protected and accordingly planned for.

Please consider and include all the above in your assessment and refusal of the said Applications.

Regards

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