

I am born and raised in Sydney's eastern suburbs, having lived most of my 57 years in Bondi, 500m from the beach and now live in Paddington on Oxford St next to the Reservoir Park. Our family love living where we are now and have no problems with the events that happen in the Stadium and SCG. We don't understand why there is so much fuss about the increase of events. Why live close to Bondi Beach and then complain about all the people that come to the beach in summer, no parking and City to Surf. Don't like it then don't live there. So you have 4 votes of approval to increase the events as proposed from us. But we would like to see that the following items are addressed as they are issues for the residents as we have experienced. I have attached my submission for the Oxford St East cycleway which I feel will also effect Moore Park Road and events. The last couple of pages outlines my suggestions for the cycleway.

We are all used to doing things one way. We are going to need to be retrained and the best way to do that is make things extremely more obvious and improve the services and this will not happen overnight. Just cutting parking or reducing the driving lanes will not teach anyone anything and make the event more frustrating and dangerous. Shame we need to be treated like kids sometimes.

*Increase public transport options to the event. Better drop off/pick up zones*  
Always seems to be better leaving than arriving. It amazed me with FIFAW, so many people arrived by public transport. But very few of them were locals where we would drive. I am assuming that most of the people using public transport judging by the languages spoken in the streets and jersey's they were wearing was they were out of towners. But it shows that it is possible.

It always amazes me where people think they can just drop off or pick up. In the narrow back streets and lanes of Paddington we have people parking and then dropping off or picking up. So lots of double parking and frustration. Makes it dangerous for everyone including pedestrians. There needs to be better, well signed options for this.

*Better communication of public transport options at the time of ticket purchase and additional and more visible signage toward transport options after the event*

I went to see Elton John at the Stadium and when leaving there was a continual recorded announcement over the speakers that public transport tickets were included in our show tickets and if we went to where the buses and trams we can catch them for free. BRILLIANT! But where was that spot to get the free transport? My suggestion here is that this message is more obvious at time of booking and there are actual signs also pointing the direction to the available transport. The buses should be moved to the exits of the stadium at Moore Park Rd and Driver avenue to make it more obvious. Also, a lot of people after events and sports games go up to Oxford St to

continue celebrating. Public transport on Oxford St needs to be increased and continued for longer hours as well.

*Reminders to ticket holders about getting to and from The Stadium.*

Tickets are purchased on line with emails attached. Ticket holders should receive short and concise emails telling them their transport options. We can only hope that they will read them.

*Parking*

It is obvious that lack of parking on Moore Park Rd, with the loss of over 100 parking spots and the cycleway which will be there for another 3 years is another issue. I have seen that on event nights the cycleway is actually closed which I assume is for a number of different safety issues. The "temporary" concrete islands limits safe access to the Stadium when needed for the events. The last couple of pages of the attachment outlines 4 possible solutions to resolving the cycleway problem in Moore Park Rd and the plan for Oxford St East which would also add more parking spots or proper space to utilise prior to the event but also utilise for the free buses after the event. I have sent the complete attachment to the Minister of Transport, councils, Venues NSW when they did their feedback mailout and anyone else that I can think of. The solutions were also part of a larger email sent to Transport for NSW in regards to the Oxford St East cycleway proposal which we are not in favour of. I also sent this email to City of Sydney Council when feedback was asked for with the recent meetings to see if the cycleway was to stay or go.

There has been talk about building a parking station where event parking is currently been done. However, I didn't realise that currently over 2500 cars park there and the station will only have 1500cars. What a waste of time and money. We have 2 major sporting spaces on 1 block and you would think that parking would have occurred to someone. With minimal parking in the back streets of Paddington, event goers park anywhere and they make it dangerous to get around.

Thank you for reading my submission and am happy to discuss further. If you could please include me on an email list with updates, that would be great.

Regards  
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