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The Hon Paul Scully MP
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Dear Minister

Sydney Football Stadium MOD 8

I write on behalf of residents affected by the proposal to increase the number of concerts at the Sydney Football Stadium from six to 20 per year and extend concert, rehearsal and sound test curfews.

Sydney Football Stadium (SFS) is in an environmentally sensitive area, surrounded by densely populated residential communities, heritage listed items and precincts, open space, parkland, and habitat for important native fauna. It is also a region choked by traffic congestion during events. These factors led to the retention of the cap on concerts at the Sydney Football Stadium when its rebuild was proposed.

I share local residents' concerns that attempting to overturn the cap shortly after the new SFS opened goes against promises that operations at the stadium would be fairly balanced with the needs of the local community and environment.

The new SFS has seen a big rise in the number of sporting matches held in the precinct together with increased outdoor events taking place at the Entertainment Quarter. Cumulative impacts for adjacent residents have risen which have not been appropriately addressed.

Of great concern are traffic and parking impacts which bring surrounding roads to a standstill and prevent local residents leaving or returning to their homes before and after events, or finding a park in their allocated parking area. Emergency services can't access the area when needed. The roads simply cannot cope under current arrangements.

Light spill impacts in the region from the SFS continue and will be exacerbated by extended concert curfews. Similarly the increase in outdoor concerts and events with amplified music across the precinct is reducing amenity and will be exacerbated by the extended periods for rehearsals giving the local community no opportunity for respite. These extensions should be refused.



Anti-social behaviour from events affects the neighbourhood regularly with intoxicated patrons lingering in the streets hours after events have finished. More frequent and later concerts will make this problem worse. Stronger policing is needed when events end and patrons exit the stadium.

Coordination of matches, concerts and other events that attract crowds throughout the precinct must be a condition of consent with a responsible body identified to undertake this role.

Additional concerts should not be approved at the SFS until existing and potential impacts are addressed.

Could you please ensure that adjacent residential amenity is protected from intrusive noise, light spill and traffic and parking impacts in the assessment of this proposal?

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'AG', written in a cursive style.

Alex Greenwich
Member for Sydney