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To Ms Weatherly,

**Re: Western Sydney Stadium - Response to Stage 2 DA Comments
Attachment One – detailed Comments
'Stadium Activation'**

Your feedback provided on the 13th April noted the following,

The SEARs requires the preparation of a Stadia Precinct Activation Strategy. The Guideline "Design the precinct to become an integral and vital part of Parramatta as well as Western Sydney 7 days a week with the ability to operate as a world class event place on game days."

Council has concern that the public domain along O'Connell Street has been designed as a place to only sit and relax, with few activation opportunities. There is one proposed tenancy of external activation of the stadium being the café at the south-eastern corner, the remaining precinct relies on landscaping and terracing to create a sense of activity, visual interest and diversity.

As raised in Council's formal submission for Stage 1 DA, children and young people in particular have low provision of informal active recreation opportunity in the City. Active recreation opportunities, such as outdoor courts and water play features, could be incorporated into these areas.

Furthermore, O'Connell Street has the potential to become a major events space for the City, it is recommended that a more sophisticated program of external activation of the stadium is considered by the applicant. Recent examples include AAMI Park, where the external edge of the stadium facing Olympic Boulevard is activated by sports medicine and sporting club tenancies.

Response:

The design of the O'Connell Street forecourt area has been revised to include multi-use half courts, and a terraced area including children's play opportunities.

The children's playground area is envisaged to include to a variety of play elements including, slides, climbing nets, sloped climbing walls, appropriate playground style trampolines, and spinners. These elements will be integrated with the terracing to create a variety of play opportunities and experiences for children across a range of ages, and to minimise the impact of the level change from concourse to plaza. Low steps and bench seating provide places for parents and children to rest and watch the play.

Accompanying these active areas within O'Connell Place is an amphitheatre area with a combination of low grass terraces with integrated seating edges. Both areas provided opportunities for visitors and workers from the

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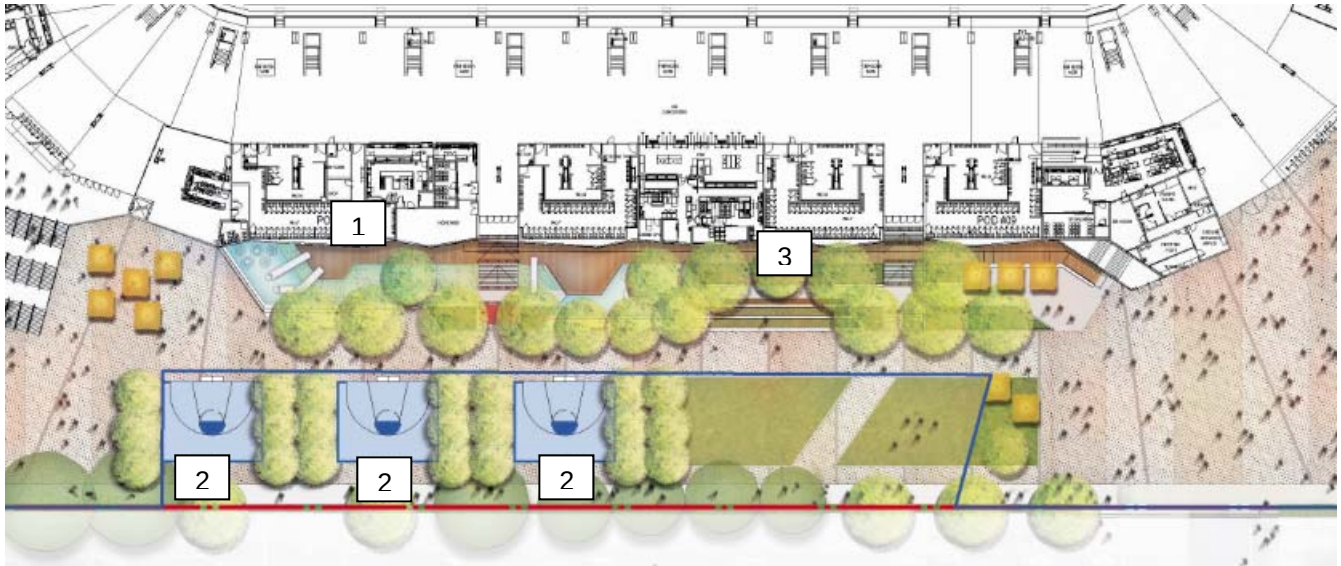
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stadium to rest, picnic and observe the passing parade, while the amphitheatre could also be activated for small performances.



- 1 – Terraced Childrens Play Area
- 2 – Multi-purpose half courts
- 3 - Amphitheatre

Refer to Landscape Plan WSS_L_MP_1.11.100_E to view the full site plan, and Pg 13 of the Design Report for further context.

Refer to Precinct Activation Strategy (Populous) for information on the site-wide activation overlays.

Yours sincerely

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