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Karen Harragon  
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Submitted via online submission portal

Dear Karen

**Re: Concept & Stage 1 Modification 7 - Proposed Concert Cap Increase (SSD-9249-Mod-7) and Stage 2 (Design, construction and operation) Modification 8 - Changes to Concert Restrictions (SSD-9835-Mod-8)**

Regarding the above matter and VenuesNSW's desire to increase the concert cap and change the concert parameters at the Sydney Football Stadium, the National Rugby League, as a neighbouring occupier and regular hirer of the Sydney Football Stadium, does not oppose the proposed changes. We acknowledge that the NSW Government has invested over \$800 million of taxpayers funds into the new Sydney Football Stadium and need to maximise the number of events in the new venue.

We do, however, request that some conditions be imposed to mitigate any impacts from the additional concerts on rugby league's ongoing use of the venue and our building's proximity to the venue.

We request that each year from March to October, (inclusive) exclusive use is given to the existing rugby league tenants and content providers, specifically that they will not be prevented from booking the venue for regular NRL Premiership and Finals Series matches and NRLW Premiership and Finals Series matches due to the increase in the number of concerts held at the venue or changes to the concert parameters. Their ongoing and future use of the venue cannot be disrupted. The concert season should only be from November – February (inclusive) each year.

Secondly, it will be crucial to ensure that damage to turf/surface as a result of any additional concerts or changes in concert parameters is fixed immediately after the concert at the cost of the venue or concert promoter. It is essential for player safety that rugby league is played on a surface that meets minimum standards.

We request that any concerts take place after general office hours to minimise impacts on the functioning of our office.

Lastly, we ask that the loss of parking spaces created by the planned removal of event day parking on greenspace throughout the Moore Park East precinct are replaced within the precinct, before an

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increase in the number of concerts is approved. The shortage of parking in the precinct, especially on event days, is having a direct impact on our business. Currently on event days there are frequent disruptions which reduce the functionality of our offices, including visitors for meetings not being able to park near the building and delivery drivers not having anywhere to park safely and access our building. Furthermore, we need somewhere for our staff to park on event days and there also needs to be somewhere for the event-based staff, contractors and delivery drivers to park that is not the footpath outside of our building.

If you need any further information, please don't hesitate to contact me or the NRL's Executive General Manager of Partnerships, Jaymes Boland-Rudder, on 0488 500 063 or [jbolandrudder@nrl.com.au](mailto:jbolandrudder@nrl.com.au).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Andrew Abdo', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Andrew Abdo  
**Chief Executive Officer**  
National Rugby League