

Ms. Rebecca Sommer  
Department of Planning and Environment  
4 Parramatta Square, 12 Darcy Street  
Parramatta NSW 2150

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Dear Ms. Sommer,

**Submission to Modification 8 Changes to Concert Restrictions (SSD-9835-Mod-8)**

Carsingha Investments Pty Ltd ('Carsingha') is the leaseholder of The Entertainment Quarter ('EQ'), a State significant 11 hectare site within the Greater Sydney Parklands Moore Park estate adjoining the Sydney Cricket Ground and Allianz Stadium site.

The Moore Park precinct has been NSW's most popular sporting and entertainment precinct for over 120 years, being home to the historic Sydney Cricket Ground and the former home for 116 years of the Royal Agricultural Society of NSW and the Royal Easter Show.

In recent times, the NSW Government has invested significant funds to assist the Tourism and Major Events industries resident within the Moore Park precinct, namely the construction of Allianz Stadium (c.\$830m) and the Light Rail (L2- Randwick line). Together, these investments attract marquee state, national and international sporting and entertainment events and drive growth in the visitor economy.

Targeted private sector investment and changed regulations designed to enhance these key assets will make a significant contribution to Sydney's competitiveness for visitors, major events and inward investment. It has, and will continue to, create jobs, attract tourists and add to the broader economy.

EQ and the adjacent stadiums have worked together for many years in a synergistic relationship.

The abovementioned Modification, which seeks to increase of allowable number of concerts at Allianz Stadium from a maximum of 6 per annum to a maximum of 20 events per calendar year is to be applauded.

We support this Modification as we believe it will help to:

- Further enhance NSW's global reputation to host major entertainment and cultural events;
- Increase domestic and international cultural-based tourism to Sydney and NSW;
- Support the growth of Sydney's 24-hour, night-time local economy; and
- Further leverage Government investment in Allianz Stadium and the Light Rail.

I'm happy to answer any further questions you might have in relation to our submission.

Yours sincerely



**Tony Shepherd AO**  
Chairman, The Entertainment Quarter