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Submitted online via your say, online planning portal

Dear Rebecca,

**Re: SSD-9249-Mod-7 and SSD-9835-Mod-8**

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission supporting the proposed modifications to increase the concert cap from 6 per year to 20 per year, increase rehearsal finish times and sound tests from 7pm to 10pm, increase concert length from 5 hours to 10 hours to allow for 'Live Aid' style events twice a year, alter rehearsal and sound test finish time from 7pm to 10pm, and include an exemption to the concert curfew to allow the SFS to host the annual official Mardi Gras after-party.

The Sydney Roosters (Club) are proud of our long-standing history in the Moore Park precinct since 1908. The Sydney Football Stadium (Stadium) is our home ground, supporting both our men's and women's rugby league teams as part of the National Rugby League's NRL and NRLW Competitions. We are a hirer of the Stadium through Venues NSW.

Our primary high-performance facilities for our men's program are within the Stadium as part of the Nick Politis (AM) Centre of Excellence (Office), with primary access via gate 5. We also utilise a high-performance training field in Greater Sydney Parklands Moore Park East, known as Kippax Lake Field (Licenced Area), as per Appendix 1.

We acknowledge that the NSW Government has invested over \$800 million of taxpayers' funds into the new Stadium and needs to maximise the number of events in the new venue. While we support the concept cap modifications, it is very much in good faith and subject to no significant adverse impacts on our Club's operations, access, or condition of the Stadium playing surface or access to the Licenced Area. We request that any concerts take place after general office hours to minimise impacts on the functioning of our Office.

Only last year, the Sydney Roosters and Venues NSW executed a 25-year Venue Hire Agreement, including the Sydney Roosters playing at least 10 home games and training session access at the Stadium.

We enjoy a strong working relationship with Venues NSW and are committed to supporting the Government to attract world-class events to the Stadium. We firmly believe that there are enough available dates for the Government and Venues NSW to attract such events without impacting our Venue Hire Agreement obligations and trust that the Government also believes this.







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Furthermore, the Sydney Roosters are also committed to ensuring the broader Moore Park Precinct reaches its potential through future development, including the new home for our NRL Women's Program at the Showring within the Entertainment Quarter.

Should you wish to discuss this further, please contact Anthony Brooks, Group Community and Government Relations Manager, on 0404 022 104 or at [anthonyb@sydneyroosters.com.au](mailto:anthonyb@sydneyroosters.com.au).

Kind regards

Joe Kelly

**CEO – SYDNEY ROOSTERS & EASTS GROUP**

#### Appendix 1 – Kippax Lake Field (Licenced Area)

