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Dear Minister,

Re: Allianz Stadium Concert Modification Submission

I am writing on behalf of Sydney FC in relation to the Allianz Stadium concert modification proposal.

Sydney FC are tenants of Allianz Stadium and represent over 20,000+ Sydney FC Members and 1,000,000+ fans. We play on average 15 to 18 A-League Men's and Women's regular season matches and four Finals Series matches at Allianz Stadium, between 1st October and 30th June, each season. We also organise numerous community events at the stadium, including our International Day of People with a Disability event.

Sydney FC is supportive of the proposed Allianz Stadium concert modification providing the concerts do not prevent Sydney FC playing at the venue for more than two consecutive weekends between the beginning of October and the end of June.

Sydney FC does not dispute the following elements of the Allianz Stadium Concert Modification proposal.

- Amend rehearsal finishing times and sound tests from 7pm to 10pm; and
- Exemption to concert curfew to host the official Mardi Gras after party.

Sydney FC would like to work with the NSW Government in a collaborative manner regarding the proposal to increase the number of allowable concerts and amending the maximum concert length to twice a year. These two elements, if not carefully balanced with our existing arrangements with Venues NSW, will have a direct and indirect impact on our operations, potentially to the detriment of our matches within the precinct, our commercial returns and the safety of our players and referees through pitch surface disruption.

Sydney FC is a club which puts our members first and we have a loyal and significant fanbase who are representative of our great state and bring a vibrancy and energy to the Moore Park precinct.

Sydney FC would like to reiterate the importance of collaboration and timely consultation to achieve a balance of sporting and arts and music content from the outset should the modification be approved.

Sydney FC are also concerned about the impact increased concerts would have on the pitch surface of Allianz Stadium and would like to understand what viable solutions, Venues NSW and the NSW Government would suggest should the surface suffer. Sydney FC would like to see revenue generated from increased concerts allocated to the rectification of the playing surface without the cost being passed onto the club.

We would also welcome discussion regarding our event fixturing to ensure Allianz Stadium remains available for its intended use, football, and an acknowledgement this is taken into consideration when concerts are scheduled during the A-Leagues season.

To conclude, Sydney FC are in principle supportive of the Allianz Stadium Concert Modification proposal with the caveat that Sydney FC has access to play at the stadium at least once in every three weekends between the beginning of October and the end of June.



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We welcome meaningful collaboration and consultation and have faith solutions to our issues raised are considered and acted upon by the NSW Government and their entities where required.

Yours faithfully,

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