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Sydney Football Stadium Proposal SSD - 9835 (Stage 2 Design, Construction and Operation)

My submission will outline **several objections** that I have to this proposal. I have concerns in two particular areas :

- (A) a seeming lack of quality in this very expensive, publicly funded project;
- (B) actual and potential impacts on the surrounding Parklands.

(A) Lack of universal quality.

Given that a very large amount of public money is being used for this stadium, there are a number of aspects that seem wrong.

- (a) **There is no retractable roof.**
- (b) **There is a variation in seating areas and facilities.** The artistic impression of the proposed general concourse is sterile - bare concrete, rather like an airport departure hall. It seems likely that this will be different from the **facilities for members**, which are not specified.
- (c) **Parking is provided in a very limited way.** There are to be 50 basement parking spaces and 540 car spaces in the 'reinstated' MP1 (Carpark). And yet the stadium has capacity for 45,000 - 55,000 patrons.

(B) Impacts on the surrounding Parklands.

It should be noted that the State Government expects the Centennial Parklands to be self-funding. Unlike the SCG, Centennial Park does not charge entry fees, nor are there membership fees. With this Stadium Rebuild the Government is not only providing the SCG with approximately three-quarters of a billion dollars. It is also potentially relying on taking over areas and aspects of our Parklands.

- (a) **SCG 'Partners'.** The Sydney Swans, who previously had facilities at the Stadium, now have a lease for the Hall of Industries. Both the federal and State Governments are providing many millions of dollars for the refurbishment of this historic building, which is within Centennial Parklands. (There has been no public information of the value of this lease to Centennial Park.) Of course there are also to be dedicated playing fields in Moore Park for all football codes, and other public parks in Randwick / Botany now have to accommodate ex-SCG partners.
- (b) **The increased height of the new stadium** could be unnecessarily dominant in the Parkland setting.

(c) **Parking.** The Moore Park Masterplan proposes to eliminate event parking on its grassed areas, and suggested that the Stadium rebuild could include Parking Stations on SCG land. Given that the Stadium Proposal totally ignores this, I would hope that the Government does not propose increased parking (stations) on Centennial Parklands property.

There should be a definitive statement from Infrastructure NSW to explain the disparity between present and future car parking.

Conclusion : Of course the Stadium rebuild is going to go ahead. However, you still have time to show some respect for the surrounding Parklands. There could well be a fear that you will gradually excise more and more elements of the Centennial Parklands. You could lessen such concerns by honestly addressing the issues of SCG parking, and the expanded use of public property by large sporting organizations.

Yours sincerely
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