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I want to raise 2 concerns over this Development Application:

1. The proposal for a taxi rank on the corner of Lang Road and Cook Road.

This section of road needs 2 lanes for general traffic. By removing one lane as a taxi rank on game days, significant congestion will occur. The reason for this is that the traffic flows through here from Anzac Parade, and at that junction, cars currently have 2 lanes. This is a popular turn into Centennial Park, and vehicles use the right hand lane here to turn right into Robertson Road Gates and the park. The left lane allows traffic to either turn left into Cook Road, but also allows traffic to continue straight ahead. This traffic then becomes one lane after the junction due to the residents parking on the left, but this works fine as the previous right lane turns into the park.

If a taxi rank were introduced at this junction, traffic would not be able to move through the junction if cars are turning right into the Park / Robertson Road. Traffic would be at a standstill until the turning cars made their turn, and through traffic would not be able to flow as it does currently, as this lane would be obstructed by the taxi rank.

The proposal for a taxi rank at this spot is a bad idea and would significantly impact traffic moving out of the area. This is already a busy junction in and out of the park; locating the rank further towards Anzac parade, or retaining as-is/extending this inside the EQ would cause far less constuction that locating it at this busy junction.

2. Access from the EQ complex onto Cook Road

Whilst I do not see this on the plans, there are a lot of documents so I want to ensure I haven't missed any suggestion of public access from the EQ complex, out onto Cook Road. This is not currently possible, but there are old gates which once allowed this. Were these to be reopened / access provided to pedestrians from the Stadiums, through the EQ and onto Cook Road, this would have a significant detrimental impact on local residents on game days, and I would highly object to that plan. As explained, I do not see this on the plans, and as such hope it is not in scope for the development.