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I would like to confirm that I am supportive of a future Parramatta Stadium redevelopment. Throughout my life I have been a resident of Baulkham Hills, Kellyville, North Parramatta & Telopea, therefore Parramatta is my closest "city". I am also a huge sports fan, enjoy rugby league, soccer and AFL. I have been a member of the Sydney Swans for 19 years and regularly make the trip from "The Hills" to the Sydney Cricket Ground. I believe that a well-designed stadium really increases the spectator's enjoyment of watching live professional sport.

However, I am NOT SUPPORTIVE of THIS PARTICULAR DESIGN of the Parramatta Stadium redevelopment. I request that the current design and EIS should be ruled invalid and re-designed to enable the Parramatta War Memorial Pool to remain and also for proper public consultation as per the SEARS Report.

My detailed objections to the EIS are detailed below:

1. I believe Venues NSW did not comply with the Department of Planning SEARs report by consulting with essential community groups or members of public during the preparation of the EIS. The EIS did not consult major stakeholders and community groups that will be negatively affected by the demolition of the Pool. The Consultation period MUST have made detailed contact with local Primary School Principals, local High School principals and local Private schools, that use the pool on a regular basis.

I also object to authors of EIS not consulting with Veterans Affairs or the RSL to establish the emotional detriment to the people who were involved in establishing the pool on PUBLIC LAND in the name of our war veterans. It is of extreme disrespect to the people who served for our country and toiled so hard to raise the funds for the community swimming pool, for it to be thrown away without trying harder to establish a design that incorporates a stadium re-development and the retention of the swimming pool.

THE EIS did not meet with the Principal of OLMC Parramatta, the closest school to the swimming pool. The Principal of OLMC was instead informed of this proposal by a local community group.

I question whether the EIS authors consulted with the Committee who runs the Zone swimming Carnival. I question whether the EIS authors consulted with other local swimming pools to establish if these other pools had the capacity to even accommodate extra swimming carnivals from the Parramatta Schools if the pool was to close for a number of years.

I believe that the people who prepared the EIS FAILED to consult members of the public at the POOL SITE during the months of November 2015-March 2016, which is when local swimming clubs and schools use the pool most frequently. Many people would not realise the impact that closing the pool would have on their lives. The NSW Government and Venues NSW argue that they care for sporting greatness, but where does sporting greatness start than at grass roots level at the local swimming pool.

The number of people living in units/villas/townhouses in the greater Parramatta area is another reason that having access to a 50metre, 10 LANE swimming pool is essential.

In the 1990s, I was a member of the Blacktown Swimming Club. My father, David Brown, was the President of the Blacktown Swimming Club for a number of years. We raced in Carnivals within the Cumberland District on weekends. It was well known throughout swimming club circles how incredibly lucky we were to have a 50metre pool to train in, and was advantaged over other clubs who only trained in 25metre pools.

Over the period that the EIS should have been making detailed public consultation I was living in Unit 24, 57 Leamington Road, Telopea. I did not receive any notices in my letter box or see any information in my local area notifying of the POSSIBLE closure of the Parramatta War Memorial Pool and how that would affect the local residents and pool patrons.

I moved from Telopea to Baulkham Hills in April 2016, and it was only during a National Trust Week event at Old Government House that I was informed of the PROPOSAL to redevelop Parramatta Stadium, but that the Pool would be demolished in the current redevelopment design.

2. "To facilitate the vision of the concept proposal for the Project, demolition of the Parramatta Swimming Pool would be required. However, a new site has been identified in the former golf course south of Parramatta Park and masterplanning for the site and new aquatic centre facility would be undertaken by City of Parramatta Council in consultation with Parramatta Park Trust, as part of a separate planning and approval process."

"PCC are open to moving/altering the swimming pool (subject to funding). • The pool serves a large catchment with approximately 200,000 visits p/a. • Replacement value

estimated at \$40m, economic value 3 x \$40m. It is expected that a new modern pool could attract 700,000 visitors p/a."

"PPT do not derive commercial return from Parramatta Pool (peppercorn lease). PCC lease Parramatta Pool on a month-to-month basis. PPT would not object to demolition of the pool. • PPT to lead the master planning process to explore opportunities for the eastern end of the former Parramatta Golf Course to be upgraded and repurposed for use as a new aquatic centre to replace the pool."

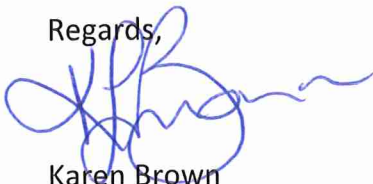
The statements above, mentioning a new site being identified for "a new modern pool" or " new aquatic centre" but with a lack of commitment to a replacement pool being opened and finished is letting the community of Parramatta and surrounding suburbs down. If the existing Parramatta War Memorial Pool is to be demolished, then I insist Venues NSW and Infrastructure NSW commit and provide the funding for a LIKE FOR LIKE replacement pool within the Parramatta Park Trust Lands BEFORE the current Pool is demolished. The Parramatta Park Trust Land is for the people and whilst Venues NSW are obviously not for ALL the people, then PPT should not agree to the land trade until NSW Infrastructure replace the swimming pool with another 50metre, 10lane swimming pool within the Parramatta Park Crown Lands.

3.I believe that the statutory notification processes as per the Crowns Land Act was not adhered to, for proposed changes to the use of Crown Land (the swimming Pool) on Parramatta Park Trust Land.

Therefore the EIS needs to be re-done to adhere to the notification of the proposed changes to the Crown Lands within Parramatta Park and also to confirm the new swimming pool site and 10 lane, 50metre design. This should all be contained within the EIS.

I would be happy for Infrastructure NSW, Venues NSW, PPT or City of Parramatta Council to contact me if they would like to discuss my submission.

Regards,



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