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# Parramatta Stadium Development



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**Submission to Venues NSW re Demolishing Parramatta Memorial Swimming Pool.**

The members of Granville Historical Society wish to voice their concern about the way that Venues NSW conducted the Environmental Impact Study for this project. There was no community consultation other than three football teams which we believe is a conflict of interest. We therefore believe that the study was flawed because due process was not followed.

Further the New South Wales government is complicit because the due process was not followed, Planning Minister Rob Stokes should have made sure that the letter of the law be followed and that full transparency for the people of Parramatta should have been a major priority.

The offer of the Parramatta Leagues Club to build a pool is also a conflict of interest, because to access a pool on the premises, you would have to have a paid membership to the club. Many hundreds of users belong to the local schools, all under the age of 18 years; there are also members of the public that cannot or would not be able to use the facility, this is not conducive with a "Public Pool". One is left to wonder how and where Parramatta Leagues Club will want to build the facility of course, little or no information is available on the subject, nor is future expansions for the leagues club not available, further the club is now under administration, so that decisions cannot be made on these concerns.

Demolishing the pool as a first priority is also not in the public interest. City of Parramatta Council has a duty of care to provide the members of the Parramatta LGA and rate payers.

The Parramatta Memorial Pool is built on Crown Land; it has been leased by the local council since it was built. That land belongs to the people of Australia, the NSW Government is supposed to manage that land on behalf of the people. There is an Upper House inquiry into Crown Land at this very moment, investigating the fact that the NSW Government is selling Crown Land for private profit, which is against the Crown Land Act.

As elected members of the New South Wales government are not acting in the best interests of the citizens they are elected and paid to represent, we feel that his development should not proceed in the present form that has been presented.

If the Stadium is too small, after the new development, the concern is that if the present proposal goes ahead, how many years before it has to be enlarged again.

Then will it have to be demolished and redeveloped yet again, and it has cost Parramatta Council millions of rate payers money which has been spent on the refurbishing the Memorial pool already.

It has been suggested by members of our networks, that government look at another option, and put the money to a once only development and position the new stadium building in the new Camellia Urban Renewal Project that the Stadium be included in that development, which would link with the new Rosehill Entertainment precinct, this will then utilise the existing hard rail line and new light rail that is going there.

This option will give quick access to M4 and unlimited parking unlike O'Connell Street; this site will have room for expansion and will not affect any other facility. Leave the present stadium for smaller games.

The Stadium is built across from the World Heritage listed Parramatta Park, the stadium already has tried to take over land from the park, with the massive high rise residences built in Parramatta now and into the future; the people will have little or no green space to get away from the glass boxes they live in.

Mr Baird and Mrs Stokes please look at this proposal and make decisions that are in the best interests of the people of Parramatta. Look at the future of living and conducting business in the area called Parramatta and make Parramatta a major tourism site that will be a constant, not just on the nights that football is played.

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