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Subject: Response to the Sydney Football Stadium Stage 2 Redevelopment (Design, Construction & Operation)

The Centennial Parklands Community Consultative Committee (CCC) would like to take this opportunity to respond to the Sydney Football Stadium Stage 2 Redevelopment (Design, Construction & Operation) as this project will neighbour the Centennial and Moore Park lands and has the potential to affect the hundreds of thousands of users of the Parklands.

The CCC is an advisory body whose role it is to represent a broad range of community interests relevant to the Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust. It is instrumental in providing a forum for communication, input and relationship building between the Trust and the Parklands' many stakeholders.

The CCC is made up of people who are regular users of the Parklands and who wish to be actively involved in its preservation, effective utilisation and ongoing improvement. Remote users are also represented on the CCC, reflecting the Parklands' status as an important Sydney, regional and national landmark. Members have a variety of backgrounds including events, government, environment, sport, special education and business. Members are all volunteers and receive no payment.

Firstly, we would like to thank Infrastructure NSW for their drop-in sessions which our members have attended. We have noted that your Stage 2 response has reflected on some suggestions made in our earlier submissions, particularly regarding the deletion of the Media-Mesh as this had the potential to negatively affect Kippax Lake and surrounds. We are however we are still concerned about the following aspects of the proposal.

Car Parking on Centennial and Moore Park Land

The current Stage 2 proposal is inconsistent with the Moore Park Masterplan 2040 regarding the continued reliance and proposed use of Moore Park east for car parking with no immediate end point defined. The Masterplan is clear that parking is to be phased out and for the land to be returned to green space as part of Sydney Common, as soon as practicable after the light rail is operational. In our initial meeting with Tom Kennedy of INSW we were assured of their full support on this. INSW needs to continue to take a progressive stance and manage any negative attitudes from stadium stakeholders and management regarding this benefit that they have had access to. Minutes of the last two SFS CCC meetings make comments that an end-to-end Green Travel Plan (with all public transport travel costs integrated into ticket pricing) and thereby ensuring a world class stadia facility is supported by world class modal transport solution to match.

The 2040 Moore Park Masterplan had the greatest number of public comments made regarding having this land returned to a passive recreational parkland.

It needs to be highlighted that the SCGT previously built out its own members' carpark for a more retail/ commercial development rather than maintaining as a member benefit.

Continuing to drag out this commitment to the public reduces the importance that the Government places on the consultation process.

Shadowing

Thank you for continuing to maintain an open stance on this issue.

Your team have suggested that you are continuing to consider ways to reduce the scale of the building and we hope that you continue to be creative and find ways to reduce this bulk and thereby the building envelope towards zero shadowing over Kippax Lake, Moore Park at anytime of the day.

Signage / Visual Pollution

Locally and globally, most stadiums have less than 2 major signs (lighted or unlit) to promote their site for sponsorship income and/or wayfinding. Currently this development is considering more than 4 signs. This lightspill is considered to negatively affect the surrounding environment, view lines and park harmony.

The Biodiversity report nor the Control of Obtrusive Effects of Outdoor Lighting does not make any references to the effects of this signage in either of their reports and this has not been clearly stated in the EIS. Signage should be reduced in number and reports need to be updated to reflect these designs.

Similar to our initial submission the visual impact assessments have still not been included for the land within Moore Park East. This continues to be of concern as it is the main passive recreation point, with the lake and the trees providing shade for visitors. A public view drawing/ rendering of this view line (see red star in map below) would clearly show if this sense of tranquillity can be maintained.



Arrival Landscape

The current design for steep stairs (Billy Goat Terrace wall) to cut away from the parkland across from Kippax Lake have several areas of concern. There is concern regarding the safety of handicapped access or egress given the steepness of this area when considering emergency exit scenarios.

The cutaway from the park reduces the synergy between the Moore Park and the stadium, perhaps consideration may be given to an enlarged version of a “living green wall” such as the Telstra Stadium in Adelaide instead of the plain brick wall currently envisaged (Aspect Studio drawings).

A drawing of this view line again from Kippax Lake would give a greater clarity however an opportunity to “green” the entry ways from the Parklands would be preferred.

Kippax Lake Fauna/ Flora

We were somewhat relieved by the Jacobs Biodiversity Report that concluded that the “noise associated with the proposal is considered unlikely to have any long-term detrimental effects on water birds that use Kippax Lake, and would not be notably different to that experienced from the former SFS”.

The report states that nearby water recourses could be negatively affected by dust / runoff etc during build. We note that to date there have been up to 4 nesting black swans in this lake. Can we please secure monitoring of lake water quality either in partnership with CP or stand alone?

We continue to support a fully retractable roof if this will reduce noise effects on the parks' fauna.

Cost of Maintenance

Separately to what has been discussed to date but one which we think may be considerable is the cost of maintaining the south eastern end of Kippax lake given the greater foot traffic envisaged from the light rail stop and across from the Tibby Cutter bridge cutting the south eastern corner to get across to the new entryway. Any greater maintenance required needs to be shared in ongoing cost with CPMPT (as they do not have an extra budget for this). Has a maintenance cost sharing plan been considered to date? Or instead you could share the cost of strong border planting to ensure foot traffic does not cut across this corner. Plantings should commence now to be strong and matured by stadium commencement.

Other

We welcome and continue to highlight your commitment to maintaining and controlling truck and car traffic limits during the build out that will affect visitors to the Parklands.

We welcome and continue to highlight your commitment to maintaining and respecting all development within designated land controlled by the Sydney Cricket and Sports Ground Trust (SCSGT) under Schedule 2A of the *Sydney Cricket and Sports Ground Act 1978*.

We also thank your team for your continued commitment to two-way communication between all stakeholders and appreciate that the process is not always easy but sincerely hope that the commitments made regarding the proposed redevelopment will be adhered to.

We would be happy to engage further regarding these concerns and areas of focus as required and look forward to our continued dialogue at our upcoming CCC meeting.

Yours Sincerely

Nina Murray - Chairman

(On behalf of the CP Community Consultative Committee)