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Attention: Rebecca Sommer

Dear Ms Sommer,

Subject: Exhibition of State Significant Development Modification Application –Sydney Football Stadium Redevelopment – 40-44 Driver Avenue, Moore Park - SSD-9249-Mod-7 and SSD-9835-Mod-8

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above proposed modification development application. It is noted that the application relates to the Sydney Football Stadium redevelopment and seeks to increase the number of concerts allowed per year and change the operational parameters.

The proposed development seeks consent to:

- Increase the number of concerts from 6 events per year to a maximum of 20 events per year,
- Increase the maximum concert length from 5 hours to 10 hours, twice per year,
- Increase the rehearsal and sound test finish times from 7pm to 10pm, and
- An addition of an exemption to the concert curfew (11pm) for the official Mardi Gras after-party.

Accordingly, the following comments are provided in regards to the assessment of the current proposal as advertised on the NSW Department of Planning and Environments website.

Traffic and Parking

The proposed increase in the number of events at the Sydney Football Stadium is not supported. This is due to the cumulative effect of the numbers of events and the impact of overflow parking upon the suburb of Kensington's residential amenity. Council regularly receives concerns raised by community members about the impact that larger and double headed events cause, in regard to parking pressures in the area, which is primarily in the northern Kensington area, centred upon Anzac Parade. An increase in the number of events will simply exacerbate this negative impact upon the residents of north Kensington.

In addition, Council opposes the increase in the frequency of events at the Sydney Football Stadium as concerns have also been raised by the community and Council about the proposed night-time racing at the nearby Randwick Racecourse. The cumulative effect of the night-time racing and increased usage of the Sydney Football Stadium will create ongoing concerns for Randwick residents.

Noise

Council does not object to the current proposed noise criteria but strongly recommends the following:

- The criteria is subject to a trial period of 1-2 years and the current EPA Prevention Notice is varied to permit this for the duration of the trial. In particular, the low frequency noise control of L_{CFmax} 100dB. In practice you would expect to find a measured level of 100dBC at about 100m from the stage.

- Onsite verification of noise levels by an acoustic consultant is undertaken at the closest noise sensitive receiver's boundary during each event. The acoustic test results should be provided to the NSW EPA within 48 hours, following an event. The report should include the percentage of the time the event exceeded the noise criterion and the worst exceedance for that event.
- Community consultation is undertaken with the surrounding receivers following the conclusion of the trial. An annoyance assessment of entertainment noise should be taken into consideration during the review, number of complaints received, number of events that exceeded noise criteria etc.

In addition, Council raises the following questions in regard to noise management:

- How will double header events be managed; will the prevailing noise levels comply with the cumulative criteria for both venues operating simultaneously?
- How will double-header events be managed if the cumulative noise levels exceed the relevant noise criteria?
- How will different noise consultants for each separate double header event liaise with each other? Will both venues engage the same consultant etc?

If you would like to discuss any of these matters, please contact Emese Wolf, Strategic Planner on 9093 6824.

Yours faithfully,



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