



7 February 2019

The Hon. Anthony Roberts MP
Minister for Planning, Minister for Housing
Special Minister of State
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Dear Minister

Community Consultative Committee

We write to raise serious concerns with the process of establishing the Community Consultative Committee (CCC) for the Sydney Football Stadium redevelopment, and call on you to immediately defer the meeting of the CCC until these concerns have been addressed.

It is our view that the establishment of the committee has not been undertaken in accordance with the Department's own guidelines and conditions of consent, and provides no mechanism to resolve the question about the Chairperson's potential conflict of interest.

Compliance with the Department's guidelines and conditions of consent

The conditions of consent for the demolition of the Stadium require that a CCC be established and begin to exercise its functions, in accordance with the Department's guidelines, before the significant structural demolition can begin.

It is our view that the committee has not been established or been allowed to properly exercise its functions in accordance with the Department of Planning and Environment's own guidelines for CCC, and should therefore be delayed until those guidelines are satisfied.

Specifically, Section 5 of the Community Consultative Committee Guideline requires that the applicant provide the committee with key management plans and consult with the committee *before* it lodges any applications with the Department. In this instance, Infrastructure NSW has lodged its environmental and management plans with the Department before the CCC has been formed.

The community has raised specific concerns about the noise and vibration impacts of the concrete crusher. The Construction Noise and Vibration Management Sub-Plan submitted to the City of Sydney only contains generic recommendations and does not set out specific noise control strategies. It should describe what measures are required to monitor and manage high noise generating works for concrete crushing and mulching.

In addition, Schedule B26 of the conditions of consent requests that the "final details of the location, siting and design of the concrete crusher and the enclosure **must be presented to the CCC**". However, committee members have not yet been provided with any such plans for the concrete crusher and cannot be reasonably expected to consider them at the meeting scheduled for this evening.

Extraordinary meeting

Extraordinary meetings are for important and urgent matters, not for the establishment of a committee. Allowing two weeks' instead of four weeks' notice precludes the members of the committee having adequate time to assess plans for discussion at the meeting.

No clear process to deal with conflict of interest

Despite the requirement under the guidelines for an *independent* chair, the Government has appointed a communications expert whose company also works for the proponent, Lend Lease. The guideline does not provide a mechanism to assess and manage conflicts of interest. For this reason, and because conflict is clear, we do not think it is appropriate for the incumbent to remain the chairperson. The position, in our view, is untenable.

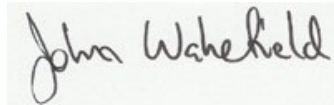
Given the Government has now undertaken in the Land and Environment court to not undertake any "hard" demolition before the hearing on 20 February, we call on you to delay the meeting of the CCC until these concerns have been addressed, and to allow for the meeting to be convened under standard codes of meeting practice.

Should you or your staff wish to discuss this matter, please contact Shehana Teixeira, A/Chief of Staff, Office of the Lord Mayor, on 9265 9400 or at steixeira@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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