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MEMBER FOR NEWTOWN

**THE
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The Hon. Anthony Roberts
Minister for Planning
52 Martin Place
Sydney NSW 2000

 Dear Minister Roberts,

Re: Urgent halt to stadium demolition

I write on behalf of a number of constituents of the electorate of Newtown, which borders Moore Park to request that you urgently intervene to ensure that proper process is followed before any demolition of the Sydney Football Stadium commences.

Several individual constituents and community groups have contacted our office today with serious concerns about lack of due process. This is after it was reported over the weekend that Lendlease is preparing to commence demolition as soon the test match between Australia and India at the SCG is completed. That match is due to finish tomorrow – Tuesday 8 January 2019.

Like many in the community, we believe that this demolition and rebuild of the stadium is unnecessary and wasteful and the entire process up until now has been flawed. If the project must go ahead it is vital that at the very least, due process is strictly observed. If the developer is indeed planning to begin demolition within this timeframe, we believe this would be in breach of the established process.

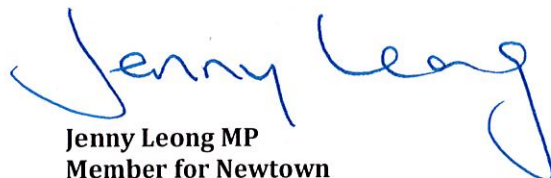
It is our understanding that Consent Approval requires that a Community Consultative Committee (CCC) is established, however applications for CCC members does not close until 16 January and the first meeting is not expected to take place until February.

We agree with local residents that it is vital demolition is not rushed in order to properly consider the serious environmental impacts on residents and businesses from dust from the contaminated land as well as from construction noise and traffic changes.

We understand that the Department of Planning has very strict processes in regards to this type of major infrastructure project and I ask that you act urgently to reassure residents that they are being followed in this case.

We look forward to your timely response.

Yours sincerely,


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