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The guidelines for assessment of this proposal need to be strengthened.

Obviously the big question is: how much would it cost? Cost estimates should be independently verified, and the source of funding identified.

A development plan had already been finalised for the site, with commercial contracts entered into. There may be costs associated with breaking these contracts.

Another big question is: how would crowds get in and out of the stadium? More traffic in the city will increase the existing congestion.

Who would build the stadium? Where would they live? How would this affect housing availability?

The visual impact of a stadium in that location needs to be considered, along with its effect on the cultural heritage values of the Sullivans Cove precinct.

The site may be subject to flooding.

The abandonment of a Truth and Reconciliation Park would further erode relations with First Nation people. The Aboriginal Heritage Act of 1975 is acknowledged to be inadequate; there may be issues with Aboriginal heritage.

Consultants for the project should not have existing government contracts. Questionable consultants e.g. Price Waterhouse Coopers should be excluded.

Yours faithfully,
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