# Allianz Stadium Concert Capacity Modification

Venues NSW is preparing to lodge a Section 4.55 Modification report to the Department of Planning and Environment to increase the number of concerts permitted to be held at Allianz Stadium.

#### **Proposed changes include:**

- Increasing concert capacity from an average of 4 to 20 concert events per calendar year
- Amending rehearsal finishing times and sound tests from 7pm to 10pm
- Amending the maximum concert length from 5 hours to 10 hours to allow for 'Live Aid' style events
- Exemption to concert curfew to host the official Mardi Gras after party.

No changes are proposed to the concert curfew (11pm), maximum venue capacity (55,500 patrons), transport arrangements, or operational management plans.

If approved, Venues NSW will work closely with our sporting partners to manage scheduling and ensure everyone can co-exist throughout the October to March period each year.

#### What are the current constraints of Allianz Stadium?

Allianz Stadium is currently restricted to a maximum of 6 concerts in any calendar year, with a 5- year rolling average of 4 concerts per year. This restriction carries over from a 30- year- old Environmental Planning Authority (EPA) Prevention Notice placed on the SCG and former Sydney Football Stadium which had limited light spill and sound mitigation capacity.

#### Why are these changes proposed?

There is high demand for live music entertainment by world-class performers and support for major cultural events is growing strongly as the economy recovers from COVID-19.

The proposed increase in the number of concerts permitted to be held at the stadium will help meet this demand and make best use of the investment in our cultural infrastructure, and show the rest of Australia and the world that NSW is open for business.

The new Allianz Stadium has placed NSW in an enviable position to attract major international sporting and entertainment acts.

### It will make Allianz Stadium a venue for everyone.



#### What are the benefits of increasing the concert cap?

The proposal presents an opportunity to unlock wider economic and social benefits, including:

- Strengthening NSW's global reputation as a host city for major international events
- Meeting the demand for world- class concert acts in the Sydney CBD by expanding venue availability and make Allianz Stadium the first choice for attracting premium talent
- Maximising the stadium's flexibility of use for different style events to fully realise the venue's potential
- Showcasing NSW is open for business and tourism by reinvigorating the local night- time economy.

#### How will noise and sound be managed?

The redeveloped stadium offers a more enhanced concert experience for all, with an all-in-stadium sound and light roof design, improved concert speaker technology, live noise monitoring system to look after our neighbours, and strict adherence to noise management plans.

#### How have traffic and parking impacts been considered?

Transport for all events including concerts is managed through a suite of measures. Comprehensive transport, operational and management plans were prepared and endorsed by Transport for NSW as part of the original redevelopment and will continue to be adhered to.

Venues NSW promotes active travel management to all its events and is committed to encouraging a cohesive environment and experience for all events by offering sustainable and accessible transportation options to the stadium including:

- Integrated public transport ticketing for all events
- Active wayfinding signage and walking routes to and from the venue to encourage pedestrian circulation
- Secure bike parking and end of trip facilities for cyclists
- Approval for up to 1500 additional car spaces within the new Precinct Village, to be completed in 2025\*.

Venues NSW also has a rigorous Social Impact Monitoring Program designed to minimise impacts on our neighbours and encourage a cohesive, safe, sustainable, and safe experience for our patrons. \*Pending relevant planning approvals

#### Did you know?

The live entertainment industry contributed \$36.5bn to the Australian economy in 2019 and supported 122,647 jobs alone (Ernst & Young, 2020) and each international artist is estimated to bring \$5 to 7.5 million per show of economic benefit into the NSW economy.



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### August 2022:

Stadium redevelopment completed

Early - mid June 2023: Community consultation

June - July 2023: Target lodgment

July 2023: Public exhibition

August - November 2023: Determination and assessment

## Get in touch with any questions or feedback

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The proposal will also be publicly exhibited in the coming months where you will have the opportunity to provide formal feedback to the Department of Planning and Environment.