

ITEM 17

NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCILLOR KIT DOCKER - SPORTING VENUES
AUTHORITIES AMENDMENT BILL 2025

Councillor Kit Docker has submitted the following Notice of Motion –

“I formally move that Wollongong City Council –

- 1 Notes the *Sporting Venues Authorities Amendment Bill 2025* (the Bill), which proposes that all land owned by Venues NSW, except around the Sydney Cricket Ground (SCG), could be developed for residential or visitor accommodation.
- 2 Notes the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces and Member for Wollongong, Paul Scully MP, has stated there is no plan for private hotel accommodation in the publicly exhibited plans for the redevelopment of WIN Stadium.
- 3 Writes to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces and Member for Wollongong, Paul Scully MP, and the Minister for Lands and Property, Steve Kamper MP, to:
 - a Seek clarification on the proposed legislation enabling private accommodation development on Venues NSW land at WIN Stadium, contrary to announced plans.
 - b Advising Wollongong Councils position (pending this resolution) is that the Bill be amended to exclude the land at WIN Stadium, in the absence of community consultation and consent.
 - c Request a presentation workshop from Venues NSW on the details of their current and future plans for WIN stadium precinct.

Background provided by Councillor Kit Docker:

The *Sporting Venues Authorities Amendment Bill 2025* (the Bill) has the stated intention to allow the development of visitor accommodation on public land under the control of Venues NSW.

The amendment is needed to the legislation to remove current restrictions on developers building hotel or residential accommodation on Venues NSW managed public land. The Bill in its current form has a carve out to protect the SCG from private hotel and residential development, however there is no such carve out protection currently proposed for Wollongong or Newcastle sites.

The Minister for Planning and Public Spaces and Member for Wollongong, Paul Scully MP, stated in Estimates on 26 February 2026 there is “no plan for a hotel on the Wollongong Sports and Entertainment Precinct”. The Minister for Lands and Property, Steve Kamper MP stated in Estimates on 5 March, “There's no intention to put a hotel there (at WIN Stadium). You can see within the proposal we don't have that within the vision there and it's not going to happen. The more carve-outs we have, the more restrictions we put on Venues land. I think it's always good to have the ability to revisit something in the future. But at this stage this proposal definitely doesn't include hotel development.”

There are obvious inconsistencies between what the NSW State Government is saying it would like to do with exhibited plans of Venues NSW land at WIN Stadium, and what the weakened protections in the Bill will allow it to do.

Given the city's long running interest in the potential of the WIN Stadium precinct, it is appropriate for Wollongong City Council to write to the relevant Ministers to seek clarification and advise of our position.