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**From:** Steve Glover  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 4 November 2015 3:07 PM  
**To:** Public Accounts Committee LA; Richardson Park  
**Subject:** Richardson Park Redevelopment

Dear Sir / Madam,

I live in Ludmilla approximately 60 as the crow fly from Richardson Park and would like to tell you of some of my concerns regarding its Redevelopment.

We are very fortunate to have been able to buy into, and now live in one of the few remaining quiet and out of the way areas close to the Darwin CBD where all the children and their pets can play together safely and not have to worry about the traffic.

The Ludmilla Reserve and the Bush Block are a little paradise tucked away there with its beautiful big trees and running stream in the wet season. It's home to many varieties of birds, possums and many other little creatures, so I am therefore very concerned about the impact this project will have on the environment and the lifestyle of the residents.

If this expansion is designed to cater for 10,000 people or more, can you imagine the noise that we'll have to endure! Not to mention the bright lights that would be required for such a large venue. I'm also lead to believe that the bush block would be bulldozed to make way for 300 car parks! Once that little Bush Block is gone, it's lost forever. If the venue is to hold 10,000 people, where are the rest of the cars, buses and motorbikes going to park?

Dave Tollner suggested at the Parap meeting a road would be constructed to go from Richardson Park, through the mangroves and onto Namarluk Dve. Access into and out of Richardson Park will be a nightmare as it's difficult enough now trying enter onto Dick Ward Dve from Douglas St & Namarluk Dve; also from Namarluk Dve & Hudson Fysh onto Bagot Rd and most other streets close to Richardson Park.

This whole project seems very secretive, as we the residents and taxpayers have had no consultation as to what the Governments plans actually are. We have however had a leaflet dropped into our mail box telling us of the drainage works that are to be carried out in the mangroves, but did not indicate as what the work carried out was for.

Listening to Dave Tollner's speech at the Parap shopping centre gives me the impression that there are a handful of his mates that plan for this Redevelopment to go ahead without any consideration to the residents that have bought into this beautiful area. He would know full well that the cost will blow out to well in excess of \$20 million; it will have ongoing problems with drainage and no room for expansion in years to come.

I know Richardson Park was operational when we bought into the area, but it was low key. I'm aware it's been the 'Home of Rugby' for the last 50yrs and has a new roof! Why didn't the Government help them out then, when they were struggling rather than wait until it's run down and not useable since it means so much to them? Make it a Memorial Park, and a play ground.

I believe the venue for the 'Home of Rugby' should be built in a non residential area where there's plenty of room for expansion and parking, out between Palmerston & Darwin and then it's a central location for all Taxpayers.

I do hope you will consider my concerns and ideas.

Yours sincerely

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