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## **GREEN LIGHT FOR PARRAMATTA MOTORBIKE MOTORCROSS**

The NSW Government has given the green light on a proposal for a motorbike motocross at Parramatta Stadium on 8 November.

Minister for Planning, Kristina Keneally, said the approval was a sensible and considered planning decision which will deliver a win for Western Sydney families and businesses.

"I've reviewed advice from the Department of Planning, and the proposed motocross is compatible with the existing stadium and will have significant economic benefits," Ms Keneally said.

"Crowds of around 20,000 spectators are expected on 8 November, which will inject up to \$1 million into the local economy.

"That said, anyone who lives near a major stadium will tell you that a major event brings an impact, and that's why a number of conditions have been set to limit the disruption.

"That includes requiring the motocross to finish at 9.30pm, and ensuring the event organisers put plans in place to manage noise, traffic, pedestrian flow and clean up after the event.

"I considered those measures, the motocross clearly stacks up when you weigh the merits of the proposal, and that's why I gave it the tick.

"All in all the motocross will be great for Parramatta, great for Sydney families and great for NSW, an event which will stamp us all over the map."

Member for Parramatta, Tanya Gadiel, said she lobbied hard for the motocross to go ahead in her electorate.

"Parramatta is in the geographical heart of Sydney and Parramatta Stadium is close-by to the city's lively restaurant and bar scene – a fantastic location for a family event," Ms Gadiel said.

"Parramatta is one of the engine rooms of the NSW economy, and the motocross will add some more fuel."

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