Sydney Cricket Ground upgrade works  
Response given to The Sydney Morning Herald

Can you confirm if the upgrade of the SCG, announced by the Premier, will be handled through the department as State significant development? Have documents for the upgrade been lodged?

Department of Planning and Infrastructure response:

The redevelopment of the Noble, Bradman and Dally Messenger grandstands, which includes increasing the capacity of the Sydney Cricket Ground to around 48,000 seats, was approved by the NSW Government on 8 April 2009.

A modification of the original application, lodged with the department on 30 September 2011, proposed to modify the earlier approval by:

- increasing the function room size from 500 to 700 person capacity;
- proposing a larger kitchen and back-of-house spaces;
- proposing new media facilities;
- relocating two existing light towers;
- installing a new pedestrian link into the Members Pavilion;
- increasing the roof height of the approved stand by 2.53m;
- demolishing the Dally Messenger Stand to accommodate the redevelopment; and
- altering landscaping elements.

The application is being processed under transitional arrangements for the now repealed Part 3A assessment system, as a modification to the Part 3A approval of 2009.

Information on the modification application was made publicly available on the department’s website in late 2011, while residents and government agencies were notified accordingly.

The department is now undertaking its assessment of the application. Once the department completes its assessment report, the proposed modification will be determined by the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, or his delegate.