

14.1 Question on Notice No 24/2011 Brookvale Oval Concept Plan

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Question

1. Who has released the revised concept design for Brookvale Oval to the media as reported in:

<http://www.smh.com.au/rugby-league/league-news/manly-reveal-grand-designs-20111001-1l2pk.html>

<http://www.dailytelegraph.com.au/sport/nrl/m-plan-to-revamp-brookvale-oval/story-e6frefnr-1226155236514>

2. Could you please also either correct or validate the accuracy of the below statements:

a) TELEGRAPH

"THIS is the \$50 million dream that could turn the NRL's worst suburban ground into a stunning showpiece for grand finalists Manly.

To coincide with today's premiership decider, Manly owner and chairman Scott Penn has given Sunday Telegraph readers a sneak preview of his grand plan to turn old Brookvale Oval into the pride of Sydney's northern beaches.

"It is something that is long overdue for our loyal supporters," Penn said.

"The architecture designs are hot off the press and are our first major move towards getting a professional and up-to-NRL-standard venue." (Penn)

Gone will be the famous old Brookie Hill on the eastern side of the ground, replaced by 9000 undercover seats. The ground capacity would be around the 23,000 mark.

The plans were drawn up by Manly council in conjunction with the Penn family, who have been driving the campaign to get better facilities at Brookvale for a couple of years."

b) SYDNEY MORNING HERALD:

"Penn said the Sea Eagles were also looking at the best management structure for a revamped "Fortress Brookvale" and would consider options including a state sports trust."

3. Why are Scott Penn and the Sea Eagles 'looking at the best management structure' for a facility and a location that is community land and owned by Warringah Council?

Response

1. Warringah Council at no time released any images or details to the media relating to Brookvale Oval, specifically the 'Stadium Option' as seen in the press.

2. With regards to errors or inaccuracies, there is one error and two inaccuracies. The first error states that "This is the \$50 million", when in fact it should read "This is the \$60-75 million", the second error can be found in the last paragraph of point 3a, Manly Council is listed when it should read Warringah. The last paragraph of 3a is inaccurate as plans were drawn up following a stakeholder meeting with the Sea Eagles to determine their requirements as part of the consultation process.

3. Point 4 cannot be answered as the Sea Eagles are a private entity and are not part of Warringah Council, as such we can not account for statements and or works undertaken by the Sea Eagles, nor can we account for comments made to the media by them.