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LIBERALS MUST COME CLEAN ON SHAMBOLIC STADIUM PLAN

The Berejiklian Liberal Government has shown contempt for the people of NSW by failing to explain their shambolic stadium timeline as demolition was yesterday halted for community consultation.

Media reports last night revealed that demolition, which had been slated to begin yesterday (8 January), is now on hold until February.

Opposition Leader Michael Daley said it was further proof that the Liberals were flying by the seat of their pants on the knockdown and rebuild of Allianz Stadium. They simply cannot follow even their own rules.

Daley Labor is again urging the Berejiklian Liberal Government to halt demolition until the people of NSW can have their say at the March election which is only 73 days away.

If the Liberals press on with their hasty demolition of the stadium before March they risk repeating the Sydney Light Rail and WestConnex debacles which have cost the state billions in delays and cost blowouts.

Yesterday, Mr Daley revealed that the legal requirement for community consultation had still not been complied with by the Berejiklian Liberal Government.

The [legal approval for demolition](#), signed by Planning Minister Anthony Roberts on 6 December 2018, requires that a Community Consultative Committee must begin functioning "before the commencement of demolition works".

It is clear now that the Government has not met this condition and by their own criteria demolition cannot proceed.

Further, the Liberals must also come clean on what advice they have received from the Solicitor General and other independent legal advisers about the [three legal opinions](#) the NSW Opposition obtained from Tim Robertson SC. Mr Robertson advised that the Government's approval process was deeply flawed and would be unlikely to survive a legal challenge.

Quotes attributable to NSW Opposition Leader Michael Daley

"The Premier is rushing ahead with demolition before the election but as usual with this Government the whole process has been a complete shambles.

"All you have to do is look at the disastrous light rail, WestConnex and the Northern Beaches Hospital to see the results of the Liberals' poor planning and lack of community consultation."