

Stadium documents to be released to NSW upper house

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Matthew Mason-Cox is set to cross the floor on the stadiums issue. Picture: John Fotiadis.

The Berejiklian government has agreed to have all documents related to the stadiums saga released to the upper house, rather than have a government MP, Matthew Mason-Cox cross the floor on the matter this morning.

The government waved through a Standing Order 52 motion on all documents related to their controversial proposals to knock down and rebuild two stadiums at a cost of more than \$2 billion.

Mr Mason-Cox had earlier told other MPs if the government did not agree to the motion he would cross the floor.

On a vote for a parliamentary inquiry looking into the stadiums affair, Mr Mason-Cox abstained from voting.

The government now has 21 days to produce the documents.

If Mr Mason-Cox had crossed, it would have been one of the few times in the seven-year life of the Coalition government that an MP had done so.

Three Nationals MPs — Kevin Humphries, Chris Gulaptis and Katrina Hodgkinson — crossed and voted with the Opposition over Mike Baird's greyhound ban legislation.

Upper house Liberal Peter Phelps also crossed the floor — and had to resign his position as upper house whip — over legislation mandating ethanol use.



The Allianz Stadium rebuild is set to be delayed. Picture: Getty Images.

Mr Mason-Cox has previously expressed concern publicly at the \$2.5 billion stadiums spend.

Labor members who cross the floor of parliament against their side are subject to expulsion, but the Liberal Party has always allowed their members to do so.

The Standing Order 52 allows the house to access every single document, including all business case documents involved in the decision by Premier Gladys Berejiklian to knock down and rebuild ANZ and Allianz Stadiums for more than \$2 billion.

Mr Mason-Cox, who is a former fair-trading minister, declined to comment this morning.



NSW Premier Gladys Berejiklian. Picture: AAP.