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SYDNEY CITY Council is threatening
to take legal action against the Sydney
Cricket Ground Trust if it does not re-
move an unauthorised cigarette adver-
tisement from a grandstand.

The council received a
report last week from its di-
rector of planning, Mr
Frank Hanson, recom-
mending it write to the
chairman of the Sydney
Cricket and Sports Ground
Trust and demand that the
sign be removed.

If that failed, the council
should take the Trust to be
Land and Environment
court, Mr Hanson said.

The council has yet to act
on the report.

Ald Brian McGahen said
he complained about the
sign more than a year ago,
when residents in south
Paddington pointed it out
to him.

"My complaint is that it
is fixed to the grandstand
and directed to a residential
area," Ald McGahen said.

"The owners have no
right to do this without
council approval.

"There is also a moral
question involved because
it is an ad for drugs being
displayed on public land."

Residents are worried
because the sign would re-
duce the amenity of the
area, Ald McGahen said.

"It runs contrary to
council wishes and good
taste to advertise cigarettes
or alcohol in this area," he
said.

"Paddington residents
have already had to put up
with a lot of inconveniences
from the Cricket Ground."

Officials of the Sydney
Cricket and Sports Ground
Trust have argued that they
do not need council ap-
proval for the sign because
the Trust is exempt from
the provisions of the Local
Government Act.

However, the council's
solicitor has advised that