

THE FUTURE OF MOORE PARK SOUTH – EARLY ENGAGEMENT

Name: John Harrison

Date received: 7 April 2024

As a regular golfer at Moore Park Golf Club, I put forward the following suggestion.

On any day, check out the number of golfers who play their golf and enjoy this very central and affordable course.

Now, on the same day go over to Centennial Park and check out the number of locals using and enjoying this facility.

Using Council's planned "Thought Bubble", I suggest you contact New York City Council and suggest that Central Park

would be an ideal spot to help overcome New York city's chronic shortage and erect 6,000 low income affordable houses.

See how long it takes to get Tarred and Feathered or Lynched!

We are a smaller version of what you are proposing.

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Name: Lesley Heath

Date received: 16 and 29 March 2024

I went onto the centennialparklands/mooreparksouth site and below are their list of FAQs.

I didn't have to go past the furchies in the first one, "Why has the NSW Government made this decision?" to spot holes in the arguments:

- 1) The NSW Government has the power to stem the flow of their projected 100,000 new residents. Overdevelopment has caused the high density that already exists.

- 2) To house these people, 500 new apartment blocks of 100 apartments each (let's say, 2 people per apartment - I live in East Village where many apartments have just one occupant) will be needed. Where is the land in this precinct for the number and size of these buildings? The land does not exist unless part of the annexed Moore Park Golf Course is planned, and then, only a fraction of the new buildings would fit into the 20 hectares.

- 3) As has been pointed out time and again, the precinct does not need more green space. Green Square, according to a previous flyer from Clover Moore, has 40 parks; add this to the the land adjoining Moore Park GC which continues past ES Marks Field, Moore Park itself (which turns into a car park for frequent events), Centennial Park and Queens Park. To the west is the very large and lovely Sydney Park.

- 4) The new park will increase access for whom? Unlikely to be pedestrians from the precinct. More likely to be arrivals by car for which car parks will be needed.

- 5) Moore Park Golf Course is a public course which is a vital part of inner city infrastructure, serving people far and wide for important recreational purposes. Not just members. There are just four competitions a week which take up just part of the day - Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday with Tuesdays currently hosting a Royal Sydney GC tournament while extensive changes are made to their course. Schools also use the facility.

The plan is short-sighted.

Good morning, I have been a member of Moore Park Golf Club since 1994 and this is the fourth assault on our facility, all spearheaded by Clover Moore including this latest it would seem. See her letterboxed flyer below.

I have already sent my feedback on this proposal, pointing out that the NSW Government has the power to restrict the 100,000 new residents by 2041 into this precinct that is claimed to be the reason for this latest assault. There is no need for more green space. And, as I pointed out, you would need to build 500 apartment blocks of 100 apartments each to house

these new residents. Where is the land for this unless you're planning to rezone for more high rise. This plan is short-sighted with many inherent problems ignored.

THE FUTURE OF MOORE PARK SOUTH – EARLY ENGAGEMENT

Name: Stuart Heddle

Date received: 30 March 2024

I would like to submit my rejection of the Moore Park golf course land size reduction to create public parkland.

Chris Ming and party are in my opinion completely out of line with this proposal, the golf course is and should remain one of the finest city courses to enjoy in any major city worldwide.

Moore Park and neighbouring centennial park has more than enough to offer residents from near and far.

For the 30 years I have had the pleasure of living in the vicinity with numerous visits to Moore Park never once have I had the thought that it was not big enough for the public to enjoy. Even with the upcoming influx of population in the years ahead this thought would not change.

If anything, the decision to reduce Moore Park golf course and create more empty parkland is another nail in the coffin ensuring Sydney will retain the nanny state capital title.

Take a good look at yourselves.

THE FUTURE OF MOORE PARK SOUTH – EARLY ENGAGEMENT

Name: Dominic Herschel

Date received: 9 April 2024

I have played tennis at the Moore Park courts once a week for about 15 years, together with three regular companions, from 8:00pm to 10:00pm.

Originally we played at the main court complex adjacent to where the light rail route is now.

But after the CP&MPT re-vamped the netball courts and installed a synthetic grass football (soccer) field about 5 years ago, the capacity of the carpark became seriously inadequate for demand with the result that it became impossible for us to find a parking space around 8:00pm.

So we relocated to the tennis court complex adjacent to the golf clubhouse, as parking was and is readily available here.

The recent installation of boom gates is an inconvenience for tennis players (and no doubt a greater irritation for the golf clubhouse staff), but one we are prepared to accept on the basis that a 2-hour tennis booking does not incur a parking fee.

It is important that these courts be retained because they provide an excellent alternative to the access issues bedevilling the main tennis court complex.

It is noteworthy that the courts adjacent to the golf clubhouse were fully upgraded about two years ago, and that they remain in very good condition. It would be a foolish waste of the public moneys invested in the upgrade of those courts if the courts were to be discontinued.

It is also worth noting that there is no running water available at these tennis courts, and no toilets close by.

I would like to see the addition of these amenities to these tennis courts.

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Name: Douglas Hew

Date received: 27 March 2024

The proposal to compromise a unique 18 hole golf course so close to the city centre for the sake of green parkland already amongst the ample surrounding parkland of centennial park is pure short term politics not long term thinking. The golf course heritage is well known and has served its residents well as a public course and green space. Why change it? Golf courses need to be 18 holes.

Residents seeking green parkland for casual leisure have centennial park to enjoy which is not over used.

This proposal is not common sense and not good long term planning. And once compromised cannot be restored.

Shame on the government proposal.

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Name: Alan Hill OAM

Date received: 8 April 2024

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission to what I hope will become a great park for the people of Sydney.

I look forward with great interest to the final design proposals.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission for the proposed changes to Moore Park Golf Course.

For over 45 years I have owned, and at various times lived in, my apartment which adjoins Moore Park Golf course. In that time, I have taken a keen interest in the changes to the area, observing the huge increase in population density in the surrounding neighbourhoods.

Moore Park is a relatively large area of open space, situated in close proximity to this burgeoning population. While the golf course is currently well maintained it suffers from poor access, lack of facilities, alienation due to the operation of the golf course and noise intrusion from the surrounding busy roads.

This opportunity to rethink how we use this open space presents a once in a generation chance to leave a lasting legacy for the people of Sydney.

In preparing this submission I have drawn on my past experience as a landscape designer/contractor, TAFE teacher at the Ryde School of Horticulture, consultant to State and Local Government preparing plans of management for natural and re-constructed landscapes.

THE FUTURE OF MOORE PARK SOUTH – EARLY ENGAGEMENT

Name: Michael Hirschowitz

Date received: 27 February 2024

I have read the Moore Park South Discussion Paper several times and I am unable to find a needs-based justification for the proposal.

The discussion paper notes that the golf course is approximately 12% of the total of Centennial Parklands. If the rest of the Parkland was heavily / over utilised, there would be some argument for sacrificing part of the golf course to enable more people to enjoy the green space.

However, I am not sure that anyone associated with this proposal has in fact ever spent any time in the parks that surround the golf course. If they had, they would immediately be struck by how underutilised certain parts of the park are. In particular, every time I spend time in the section of Moore Park that is not occupied by the golf course (the northern section between Moore Park Road and the golf course), I am struck by how few people use the space.

It simply makes no sense to decimate Sydney's busiest golf course, which is already unable to satisfy demand by a significant margin, for an expansion of already underutilised parkland.

It's a truly head-scratching proposal which means well but is poorly conceived.

If the NSW State Government is genuinely concerned that more parkland is required in the immediate area, I would urge them to consider Randwick Racecourse instead. A simple search will reveal that that huge tract of land is used on average four days per month (to say nothing of the fact that everyone pretends horse racing is good, clean fun when we all know it is anything but).

I have never written to the State Government in relation to a proposal or policy before, but I do feel strongly about this and I will not vote for any candidate who supports the proposal.

**Submission
No. 158**

THE FUTURE OF MOORE PARK SOUTH – EARLY ENGAGEMENT

Name: Ulrich Hoffmann

Date received: 12 April 2024

I am a regular Golf player at Moore Park for many years and it would be a shame to convert half of the sporting facility into a park. Considering the vast space of Centennial Park next door, it does not make any sense to even consider and vote for this proposal.

THE FUTURE OF MOORE PARK SOUTH – EARLY ENGAGEMENT

Name: Margaret Hogg

Date received: 8 March 2024

I wish to raise OBJECTION to any recreational use of this Public Land for anything other than free and open space.

The Vegetation that forms the Biodiversity Oasis provided by this Landscape must remain unaffected if any responsibility is to be taken for the preservation of Green Spaces and Species that depend on them.

The findings of Covid and research into Mental Health lean decisively towards the need for tranquil Landscape.

The FACT, that Developments and Regulations have failed to make Developers provide more "In House" spaces to accommodate the Public they build and Plan for is obvious, and should be addressed in all future developments.

The sad diminishment of ground that was set aside by more futuristic minds is not a path for a sustainable future.

Commercial sporting fields are not wanted here.

Warehouse space in and around the area could be Greened with a much better Long Term outcome for all on many grounds.

I call for the greening of these Concrete surfaces and provision of amenity outside this natural established Biodiversity rich landscape with minimal interference essential.

THE FUTURE OF MOORE PARK SOUTH – EARLY ENGAGEMENT

Name: David Holgate

Date received: 1 March 2024

I have a simple question for all the politicians and councillors behind the proposal to convert 9 holes of the Moore Park golf course into a park. Why did the NSW governments not provide adequate parks and open spaces when approving all the massive residential (over) developments in the Moore Park area?? And why should the thousands of golfer who use the Moore Park golf course be penalised for the shameful lack of foresight of the current and past NSW governments??

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Name: Tim Holland

Date received: 5 April 2024

Moore Park should be retained as an 18-hole golf course. My reasons for this are in my submission below and are summarised as follows:

- Retaining Moore Park as an 18-hole golf course is imperative due to its multifaceted significance. Not only is it an iconic landmark deeply ingrained in Sydney's identity, but it also serves as a vital recreational hub, attracting both locals and visitors alike.
- The surge in demand for leisure activities, especially golf, underscores the necessity of preserving such a beloved institution. Moreover, the lack of public consultation regarding its potential repurposing raises troubling questions about transparency and community involvement in decision-making processes. The dearth of widespread support for the proposed changes further accentuates the disconnect between decision-makers and the communities they serve.
- Downsizing the golf course to a nine-hole facility could jeopardise financial sustainability and diminish its appeal to both casual golfers and dedicated members. Such a move could lead to a decline in revenues, ultimately resulting in neglect and deterioration of the course's quality.
- Conducting experiments, such as temporary closures, could offer valuable insights into the community's actual needs and preferences. This data-driven approach would provide a clearer understanding of how the space is utilised and whether the proposed changes align with the community's desires. Furthermore, the existing success and infrastructure of Moore Park Golf Course make a compelling case for its preservation.
- Decades of meticulous planning and continuous improvement have transformed it into a vibrant and sustainable recreational asset. To disregard its historical significance in favour of short-sighted political agendas would be a disservice to the foresight and efforts of past planners. In essence, Moore Park Golf Course stands as a testament to the importance of thoughtful urban planning and community engagement. Its preservation not only honours its rich legacy but also ensures that future generations can continue to enjoy its benefits. Any decision regarding its future should prioritise the long-term well-being of the community and uphold the principles of transparency, accountability, and public input.
- Repurposing the area is a loss of past planning foresight and a step backward in terms of city planning.

My submission:

Moore Park should be retained as an 18-hole golf course. It is an iconic facility that is an integral part of Sydney, a tourist attraction, and a highly popular public sporting facility. At a time when demand for exercise and recreational facilities, in particular golf, has never been

higher, such that available time slots on public courses are at a premium, the authorities should be encouraging and facilitating golf, one of few sports that cater for all ages.

Sydney wide patronage, utilisation and support for Moore Park golf course is well established. The course attracts thousands of visitors year after year. Moore Park is the only centrally located public golf course maintained to a high standard, making it a convenient option for residents and visitors alike. The course is one of few maintained to a standard that allows visitors to confidently bring guests for a round of golf, reflecting its commitment to quality and service. Such is its popularity that the carpark regularly overflows.

Lack of Consultation

The absence of public consultation regarding the decision to re-purpose Moore Park Golf Course raises concerns about transparency and community involvement in the decision-making process. On this occasion there has been no public consultation regarding the proposed re-purposing of Moore Park Golf Course. This omission suggests a lack of opportunity for community input and engagement in the decision-making process.

Previous attempts at re-purposing of the golf course have reportedly failed to garner significant public support. This history of resistance indicates that the community values the golf course and opposes its re-purposing for other uses.

Despite small pockets of peripheral interest, there has been no widespread public support for the proposal to re-purpose the golf course, indicating a lack of alignment between the proposed changes and community preferences.

The lack of public consultation and historical absence of significant support for re-purposing suggest a disconnect between the decision-makers and the community they serve. This raises questions about the legitimacy and appropriateness of any proposed changes to the golf course without meaningful community engagement.

Political Motives

The motives behind the proposed re-purposing of Moore Park Golf Course raise questions about transparency, accountability, and the alignment of decision-making with community interests. It is rumoured that the proposal to re-purpose the golf course may be the result of a backroom deal between political figures, specifically Premier Minns and Clover Moore. This implies a lack of transparency and public accountability in the decision-making process. There are insinuations that Clover Moore has long been interested in Moore Park for potential building or other development, possibly motivated by the revenue that such development could generate for the city through rates. This raises concerns about potential conflicts of interest and prioritization of financial gain over community interests.

Rather than being a comprehensive solution driven by regional planning considerations, the proposal is more of a band-aid fix for past and ongoing planning failures.

The Discussion Paper appears predetermined and dismissive of previous community feedback, lacking in sincerity in seeking community input. It presents a foregone conclusion, a decision already made irrespective of and to the exclusion of community input. As such, the Discussion Paper's claim of wanting to hear from the community is disingenuous, implying no genuine intent to engage with community perspectives. It fails to consider or acknowledge past feedback.

The unilateral decision to repurpose Moore Park Golf Course, without any public consultation, is an insult to those who have dedicated their time, effort, and resources to maintaining and improving the Course over the years. This includes volunteers, staff, and

others who have contributed to making the facility iconic. Those responsible for the decision should feel ashamed of their actions, which reflect no accountability or recognition of the consequences of their decisions. There is a strong sense of injustice and betrayal towards the decision to repurpose.

Green Space

The “more open green space” justification ignores the ample availability and underutilisation of existing open green space. There are already ample green spaces available in Sydney, such as Victoria Park, Callan Park, Belmore Park, Centennial Park, Queens Park and others. These areas provide abundant green space, much of which is underutilized.

Victoria Park, for example, other than for exceptional events such as Australia Day, rarely hosts more than a few individuals. Belmore Park is mostly unused. Callan Park is an example of underutilized open green space, a wasteland with minimal usage. If Moore Park were to be repurposed, it would likely suffer the same fate as other underutilized green spaces, becoming neglected and unused. Resources could be better allocated towards improving existing green spaces rather than repurposing the golf course.

Viability

Potential drawbacks of converting Moore Park Golf Course into a nine-hole facility in all likelihood will render such a move not financially viable or sustainable in the long run. Nine-hole golf courses generally do not attract as much patronage as their 18-hole counterparts. Downsizing the facility will likely result in decreased usage and revenue. As with other 9-Hole courses, decreased usage and revenue leads to diminished maintenance, and eventual neglect, as revenues do not cover the necessary upkeep costs.

A nine-hole course would not support a profitable clubhouse or encourage the same level of membership as an 18-hole facility. This could further impact the financial sustainability of the golf course.

A properly developed business case would be necessary to determine financial sustainability and for any consultation process to be effective.

A pragmatic approach to evaluating the potential outcomes of the proposed changes to Moore Park Golf Course, providing valuable insights that could inform future decision-making processes, might be a temporary closure of the golf course every Sunday for a year, during which time it would be opened to the public. This experimental period would allow stakeholders to observe how the space is utilized and what impact the closure has on the community, providing insight into whether the proposed repurposing of the golf course aligns with the actual needs and desires of the public.

This experiment would reveal any flaws or shortcomings in the current proposals for the golf course. If the space is underutilized or does not meet community needs during the experimental period, it would underscore the potential folly of the proposed changes.

Retention of Existing

The Discussion Paper fails to mention the continued use of the golf course as an 18-hole facility, despite its demonstrated success. This omission suggests a bias against maintaining the current use of the park. a prejudicial approach, unfairly favouring alternative uses for the park over its current use as a golf course. By framing the consultation in a way that seemingly excludes the option of maintaining the golf course, the Discussion Paper appears to be designed to steer respondents towards a predetermined outcome.

The lack of fairness and objectivity of the consultation process, evident in the Discussion Paper's framing, may result in (or is designed to produce) an outcome that does not accurately reflect the full range of community preferences regarding the future of Moore Park Golf Course.

There are compelling reasons for the retention of Moore Park as a public 18-hole golf course, which include the following:

- The location is ideally suited for a golf course, centrally located, serving the entire Sydney community with a track record of success, demonstrating its value and popularity among the community.
- The design of the golf course is already established and has undergone progressive improvement over the years. Additionally, the infrastructure necessary to support a golf course is already in place, having been developed over many years.
- Years of effort have been invested in landscaping the area, making it aesthetically pleasing and environmentally sustainable. Moreover, the availability of its own water supply supports the viability of maintaining it as a golf course.
- Moore Park Golf Course enjoys widespread patronage, utilization, and support from the Sydney community, underscoring its value as a recreational asset.

There is a strong case for preserving Moore Park as an 18-hole golf course, highlighting its suitability, success, existing infrastructure, and community support.

Historical Significance

It is important to recognise the historical significance and foresight that went into the establishment of Moore Park Golf Course. Moore Park Golf Course is a result of careful planning and foresight from the past. It was intentionally designed and developed to serve a specific purpose within the community. Discarding the golf course in favour of alternative uses based on political motivations would be a disservice to its historical significance and the planning efforts that went into its creation. Repurposing the golf course without due consideration for its historical context and community value could contribute to a broader pattern of planning failures in the present day. There is a need to respect and preserve the legacy of Moore Park Golf Course as a product of past planning foresight, rather than resort to ill-considered decisions driven by political motivations that may overlook its historical significance and community value.

Moore Park golf course is a consequence of past planning foresight. To throw away that and all that it is on the strength of a political whim is appalling and a travesty and will make it part of today's planning failures.

For your consideration.

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Name: Tom Hollywood

Date received: 27 March 2024

I have live in Zetland/Waterloo and have a 2.5 year old daughter.

Please get rid of the golf course entirely.

The golf course is a massive barrier which makes it difficult for people in Zetland and Waterloo to access the rest of Centennial Park and the Entertainment Quarter on foot or by bike.

Please replace the golf course with child and family friendly facilities like play equipment and bike paths (ie: make Moore Park the eastern equivalent of Sydney Park).

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No. 163**

THE FUTURE OF MOORE PARK SOUTH – EARLY ENGAGEMENT

Name: Dennis Holt

Date received: 30 March 2024

If land developed to apartments only WEALTHY people will be a able to AFFORD Never voting labor again Thanks MINS 😞

THE FUTURE OF MOORE PARK SOUTH – EARLY ENGAGEMENT

Name: Juliet Hugo

Date received: 06 April 2024

I have never understood governments who allocate millions of dollars to sports with short playing times. Also sports that cause concussion and serious injuries. For example all football codes, basketball, skiing, rugby, cycling, baseball, soccer etc.

whereas golf is probably the safest sport that can be played for 70 years or more. No other sport has this playing longevity.

Therefore all governments both State and Federal should be redirecting sports funding to golf clubs not diminishing them.

60 years playing golf and counting.

THE FUTURE OF MOORE PARK SOUTH – EARLY ENGAGEMENT

Name: Bun Hung

Date received: 2 April 2024

I am a resident of the Raleigh Park Estate in Kensington, having moved here in 1992. I do not live in one of the apartments adjoining the golf course and so will not be affected by the proposal for night golf. So that is an axe that I do not have to grind. However, I am a golfer and have been a member of Kogarah Golf Club (“KGC”) at Arncliffe since 1999. KGC is soon to be closed, the prospect of which KGC members have been anticipating since Westconnex occupied land owned by Rockdale Council about 7 or 8 years ago – land which the Council had allowed KGC to use for golfing purposes. KGC is a “private” golf club, but members of the public are able to play there during periods when members’ competitions are not held i.e. after 1pm each day.

KGC and Moore Park Golf Club (MPGC) were, and are, the only golf courses within the inner South where members of the public are able get a game of golf. MPGC is the ONLY municipal golf course servicing the inner city. I exclude Beverly Park and Kareela as they are not inner Southern suburbs. Once KGC closes (end March 2025 at the latest), only MPGC will offer members of the public the opportunity to engage in this wonderful sport.

It was the only sport permitted during the COVID lockdowns. Epidemiologists tell us that pandemics may well be more common in the future. The loss of KGC and the reduction of MPGC to 9 holes will severely impact the ability of members of the public living South of the CBD to access golf, which will be very detrimental to the community as a whole, if and when future lockdowns occur.

I understand that the principal rationale for the proposed reduction of MPGC to 9 holes is the desire to create more parkland, especially for residents of the densely populated Green Park.

I drive past Moore Park regularly. The most people I have seen using the existing public grounds (other than the sports fields) is, perhaps, half a dozen. Why is this the case? Firstly, because there is virtually no free parking nearby. Secondly, members of the public clearly prefer to spend time in the extensive grounds of Centennial Park, less than a kilometre from Moore Park. If a family is going to drive to a park, why would they go to Moore Park rather than the vastly more spacious and more interesting Centennial Park? To make Moore Park more accessible would require the SCC to provide free parking. To do this, it would have to build a very large (and ugly) car park or, as in the case of Centennial Park, build roads within Moore Park on which visitors could park. Those roads would be expensive to build and maintain. The argument that more people would use public transport to access an extended Moore Park is just fanciful. Families do not travel to parks by public transport when they can drive. Certainly, they would prefer to drive to Centennial Park rather than an expanded Moore Park.

THE FUTURE OF MOORE PARK SOUTH – EARLY ENGAGEMENT

Name: Jeff Hurwitz

Date received: 20 March 2024

Please leave the Moore Park golf course as an 18 hole golf course.

There is enough space around it as well as Centennial Park for parklands.

People all over the world come to play at MP golf course It is a disgrace that you are taking it away.

It has been going on for I think more than 100 years.

Don't know why Clover Moore gets her way.

She has no idea

THE FUTURE OF MOORE PARK SOUTH – EARLY ENGAGEMENT

Name: Charles Husak

Date received: 2 March 2024

Thank you for inviting us, the public, to submit suggestions about the future of the proposed Moore Park South development.

We welcome the idea of increasing the size of publicly accessible area.

However, the size proposed is tiny compared to the population increase of recent time and what is forecast in your report, so we have to be very astute in planning and supporting the diverse need of the of the residents in the area.

The current situation around Centennial Park and Moore Park is fast becoming unacceptable. The parks are littered with cars roaming around causing extreme pollution and endangering walkers and bike riders in the park.

The air in the park is heavily polluted at all times, despite the intentions of people going in there to breed fresh air. The park is already too small to cater to all the activities it is supposed to support. First among the offending activities is driving cars, trucks and tanks around the park, and using the park as a short cut to avoid the clogged highways around the park. Quite disgraceful. Second among the offenders is the events that are staged more and more frequently in our public park. These events not only take up parkland space otherwise used for recreation by the public, but incredibly, facilitate parking for those attending the events.

Our number one suggestion for the new proposed area would be NO CARS ACCESS to the area.

Further to this a comprehensive outdoor exercise station, the likes we have at Pirrama Park for example, or better.

Lot of greenery to produce oxygen that helps soak up the incredible pollution all around our park.

A nice walking, running and skating track.

No doubt you will receive a myriad of different suggestion to choose from.

Your final decision will set the area up for a green, sustainable use or will continue to be a legacy of the current polluted, congested and dangerous park environment we're having to contend with at present.

We beg you to make the right decisions.

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Name: John Hutchinson

Date received: 2 and 23 March 2024

The discussion appear does not appear to acknowledge that Green Square, south west of the proposed park is the fastest growing part of the area and will have limited connectivity to the proposed park. This is also the area with the highest number of apartments and therefore the highest proportion of people without significant private open space.

The park connects to Surry Hills / Redfern which is not where the need is greatest.

How would someone living in an apartment in Green Sq with a pram get to the new park without a detour across many roads?

There is a fundamental problem therefore with using the area North of Dacey Ave as a park; it should be the area Southern area that is turned into a park surely...

I along with many celebrate the proposed use of part of the Moore Park golf course as a public park.

It is a win for you and others who have campaigned for it.

After reading the discussion paper it appears that the development is more focused on providing an amenity for the residents of Surry Hills / Redfern, Kensington etc than for the residents of Green Sq.

We know that Green Square is where the population growth will be, but the paper does not recognise this, nor does it give weight to the fact that nearly all Green Sq residents live in apartments and have minimal personal outdoor space.

The area selected for the park is the Northern area of the golf course, north of Dacey Avenue. It is some distance from Green Square.

You would have to wonder how someone with a pram could navigate their way there. The area South of Dacey Ave is surely where the park should be - at least in part - if it is going to serve those most in need of it.

I hope Council can make further representations in this regard.

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No. 169**

THE FUTURE OF MOORE PARK SOUTH – EARLY ENGAGEMENT

Name: Mandy Ichilcik

Date received: 26 April 2024

Please consider a swimming pond just for dog.

This would be AMAZING a very great opportunity for local council to have LEGAL access.

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Name: Adam Johnston

Date received: 5 March 2024

As a resident of Sydney who does not live in the CBD, but is in and out of town on occasions, I happily note a city that does not lack in foreshore and other green spaces. Therefore, the concept of cutting a perfectly good public golf course in half does not make sense. This is except when you realize that the plan is really connected to State Government plans for in-fill and high-rise housing. For example:

Providing accessible green space to a number of nearby suburbs, some 20 hectares of private space will become a vibrant, cohesive communal space for Sydneysiders and visitors. It is anticipated that the population in the area will increase by 100,000 within two decades, and accessible, expansive green space is key to the wellbeing of residents. (Discussion paper to cultivate community consultation on future Moore Park South park, Written by Jarrod Reddie, Discussion paper to cultivate community consultation on future Moore Park South park | Architecture & Design (architectureanddesign.com.au)

The article goes on to claim that the new residential areas will be well designed and well built. But this is not what the NSW Building Commissioner shows us. Nor is this what I see in my own immediate locality. Land cleared or old homes demolished with three, four or five duplexes going up at incredible speed. Additionally, is medium or high density (of questionable quality) really the type of dwelling many people aspire to live in? Numerous people have moved to regional and rural settings, for lifestyle and affordability reasons, especially during the COVID-19 period (see e.g. How to tell if moving to the country is a good decision or disaster waiting to happen, The Conversation, by Rachael Wallis, Posted Wed 25 Nov 2020 at 5:00am <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2020-11-25/moving-to-the-country-after-coronavirus/12916404> and Australia's pandemic population shuffle revealed, Michael Read and Tom McIlroy, May 7, 2023 – 6.10pm <https://www.afr.com/policy/economy/australia-s-pandemic-population-shuffle-revealed-20230425-p5d317>) So, not everybody wants to return to the city, even with the borders now open.

Finally, as this is a public golf course on public land, the citing of alternatives only goes so far. How long before other sites (be it golf courses or other facilities) are potentially repurposed, in part or in whole, for public or private purposes by developers? Therefore, I am far from convinced by this proposal.

THE FUTURE OF MOORE PARK SOUTH – EARLY ENGAGEMENT

Name: Roger Johnstone

Date received: 9 April 2024

It seems to me that the best outcome for the survival of Sydney oldest public golf course would be to suggest to the state govt that the Moore Park golf course be converted into a 12 hole course on the remaining land with the full cost being paid for by the NSW tax payer.

This would partially negate the loss of the southern parkland and make membership a more attractive proposition to regulars and visitors.

**Submission
No. 172**

THE FUTURE OF MOORE PARK SOUTH – EARLY ENGAGEMENT

Name: Edward Karp

Date received: 5 March 2024

Save ALL of Moore Park's 18 holes.

Instal direction arrows to Centennial Park for all the lazy hipsters (including Clover) that have forgotten where it is!

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Name: Kaye, Ivan

Date received: 9 March 2024

🙏🙏 We need your help!!!! 🙏🙏🙏

😱 Clover Moore's and the NSW Governments actions to cut Moore Park Golf Course to nine holes is wrong for so many reasons - and is a sombre warning for public golf everywhere in Australia.

Here are 9 of so many more reasons

1. ✨ It is the best public golf course - positively contributing to a healthy, positive, active community in Inner Sydney.
2. ✨ It contributes \$3.9 million a year - cutting the golf course in half has a double-negative financial impact. Dropping revenue and increasing expenses
3. ✨ There is the magnificent centennial park next door that is not fully utilised
4. ✨ This madness puts the future of suburban golf courses in danger
5. ✨ It has Australia's busiest golf school in Sydney Golf Academy
6. ✨ It has a range of dedicated programs which encourages participation for kids, seniors, women and schools
7. ✨ It is one of Australia's only all-inclusive disability friendly golf courses
8. ✨ It is an equal access facility for all people
9. ✨ It creates friendships and support to so many on so many levels

Please stop treating Moore Park Golf like a political football!!

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THE FUTURE OF MOORE PARK SOUTH – EARLY ENGAGEMENT

Name: Nicko Keen

Date received: 28 February 2024

I am opposed to the proposal to convert 20 hectares of Moore Park Golf to a new park. I appreciate that Moore Park Golf is adjacent to new high density residential developments, and that open spaces and parklands are needed to service those areas, however that should have been adequately planned for during the planning process for those developments.

It is ridiculous that the property developers can get rich by building high rise apartment buildings on every available square metre of land without any foresight, and then complain about the lack of open spaces.

Moore Park Golf is one of the few public 18 hole courses in the area that is affordable for casual golfers to play. It is already very crowded and competitive to get a tee time, and cutting the course in half will only exacerbate the problem.

THE FUTURE OF MOORE PARK SOUTH – EARLY ENGAGEMENT

Name: Kelly, Bill

Date received: 28 February 2024

By way of context, as my name suggests I am of Irish peasant stock, my predecessors migrating to Australia in the 1850's at the back end of the potato famine. With my family routinely voting Labor since your party's pre-federation inception in 1891.

Well that is now ended, squarely because of your decision to reduce Moore Park Golf Course to 9 holes. As I am also a keen public course golfer who has to date enjoyed the exercise and access to the game afforded by the non elitist public course network established primarily in Australia and a number of other (at one time) Commonwealth Countries. Relatively few people understand the egalitarian vision of our political forebears that gave rise to this much cherished opportunity.

Going forward, for as long as this decision stands I will no longer vote Labor. Not at the State level, not at the local Council level and not at the Federal level.

Furthermore I will actively engage with my family, friends, acquaintances and the broader community to encourage them to adopt a similar position. Particularly in the increasingly Green leaning Inner West where I live.

Yours in profound disappointment.

THE FUTURE OF MOORE PARK SOUTH – EARLY ENGAGEMENT

Name: Jared Kendler

Date received: 10 April 2024

As a resident of the City of Sydney, a frequent visitor to Centennial Parklands, a regular golfer at Moore Park, and someone who has previously led major precinct and economic development initiatives in the NSW Government, I am writing to express my deep and personal concern regarding the proposed reduction of public golf availability at Moore Park.

Moore Park Golf Course is one of the busiest golf courses in the southern hemisphere, with over 100,000 rounds played yearly. There is currently more demand for golf in Sydney than there is supply of golf facilities. With excess demand and even less supply, the price will go up, reducing access to those who cannot afford it. Families, older people, kids, and those without the means to afford private golf will be most impacted by the Government's current proposal.

I hate to think about the impact on the next generation, who will no longer have access to places like Moore Park. I am who I am, in no small part, because of golf and spending most of my formative years on public golf courses, learning life lessons from a diverse cross-section of our community. I am forever indebted.

As someone who has experienced firsthand the benefits of golf in my life and witnessed its ability to unite communities, maintaining the 18-hole golf course at Moore Park is essential for preserving access and inclusivity.

With over a century of history, Moore Park Golf Course serves as a vital recreational asset that attracts over 500,000 visitors annually. Its accessibility, inclusivity, and role as a hub for community engagement make it a true treasure in the heart of Sydney.

Golf is more than just a sport; it is a catalyst for physical and mental well-being, fostering camaraderie and life lessons that transcend age, gender, and skill level. With golf participation on the rise globally and in Australia, particularly in NSW, it is evident that there is a growing demand for public golf facilities like Moore Park, which play a significant role in our community's health and social fabric.

While I acknowledge the challenges and complexities emerging as the surrounding population grows, any proposed changes must be carefully evaluated to ensure they align with the community's needs and aspirations. The petition to retain an 18-hole public golf course at Moore Park has already surpassed 25,000 signatures, 80% of which are from people in the surrounding LGAs.

What has been absent from any of the Government's announcements and discussion papers is a proper understanding of the golf community that relies on Moore Park. Nor is consideration given to the at least 14,000 additional golfers who will move into the area by

2040. As someone with experience in precinct leadership and development, I understand the importance of comprehensive planning and user-centric solutions.

The current proposal to repurpose 20 hectares of the golf course for a "central park" would require a significant financial investment of at least \$200m and, even then, will not yield the intended outcomes. Moore Park South has significant challenges intrinsic to the physical location and space that inhibit the delivery of the NSW Government's proposed plans for the precinct. Some of the challenges are identified in the discussion paper, though they only scratch the surface. To put it bluntly and succinctly: the Government plans to create a park on land that is noisy, a wind tunnel, surrounded by the busiest roads in Sydney, completely inaccessible, not safe to cross in to from the west and too undulated for anything but an 18-hole golf course.

Rather than continue down its current path, I instead urge the NSW Government and the Greater Sydney Parklands Authority to consider alternative approaches that preserve the 18-hole golf course while enhancing the overall precinct experience for all users.

I remain optimistic that, with collaborative effort and innovative thinking, we can find a solution that maximises Moore Park's benefits for golfers and non-golfers alike. As Sydney evolves, prioritising all community members' well-being and recreational opportunities is essential, and I believe we can achieve this.

Building a strong, inclusive society is a shared responsibility for governments, corporate and community organisations, and the wider community. The NSW Government has the opportunity to work collectively with the golf, sport, and parks and leisure industries to continue to provide and enhance accessible golf and open space in a financially sustainable manner.

Thank you for considering my perspective on this matter. I hope that together, we can work towards a solution that honours Moore Park PUBLIC Golf Course's heritage while meeting the community's evolving needs.

THE FUTURE OF MOORE PARK SOUTH – EARLY ENGAGEMENT

Name: Kibble, Alex

Date received: 27 March 2024

I attach a proposal I made to GSP in August 2021 that related to the upgrade of Dacey Avenue edge of the gold course.

There are two additional thoughts added to this diagram:

- Make a better connection to the pedestrian crossing on ANZAC Parade that avoids the busy corner of the intersection
- Investigate the possibility of a connection between ES Marks and the remaining golf course through to Kingsford

In all cases, the edges of the park should be made safe and pleasant experiences for walkers, cyclists and runners and the impact of fast moving and noisy traffic should be minimised.

I fully support this opportunity however a light touch, at least initially, is my preference so that the way the new park is used can evolve over time in a natural way without expending large sums of money on unnecessary 'built' elements.

Anzac Parade Path

This path is mostly OK but could be wider to deal with bikes. What is good here is the bollards and chain do not encroach in the path and there is space between the path and the roadway.

As this path heads north, it gets narrow again and is unpleasant walk on. The trees make widening it difficult but perhaps rerouting inside the course zone would help.



Dacey Avenue Path - East

This path is too narrow and dangerous. The bollards encroach into the walking zone as do light poles and traffic signs. There is little space for walkers, runners and bikes to pass each other.

In the **short term** - just removing the bollards and chain would help.

Long term the path should be re-routed within the golf course. The loss of some trees in poor condition is a price worth paying.



Dacey Avenue Path - Middle

The path has a 90 degree turn at the mid point. This is hard to negotiate when walkers, runners and bikes are coming together.

This could be easily fixed now by straightening the path where the former course access gates are located. These are no longer in use and there are plethora of fences in front of each other.

This is an easy fix that could be done immediately



Dacey Avenue Path - West

The path here is narrow but could be easily widened as there is plenty of space. There are 'goat tracks' on either side.

If nothing else can be done now - regrade the surface and place decomposed granite to make it easier to walk.

The entry point at the west is awkward and has been design with the signage wall in mind more than people.

This could be done immediately.



Straighten the path here



THE FUTURE OF MOORE PARK SOUTH – EARLY ENGAGEMENT

Name: David Kibel

Date received: 28 February 2024

As frequent visitors from the UK to Sydney to see our children, we love to play golf at Moore Park which is by far the best public course in Sydney. It will be a great shame if the 18 holes were reduced to 9 holes as there is no realistic local alternative.

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THE FUTURE OF MOORE PARK SOUTH – EARLY ENGAGEMENT

Name: David Kirkton

Date received: 11 April 2024

Should not be cut in half.

Stacks of parks around the area and MP is very multicultural and caters to many os visitors.

THE FUTURE OF MOORE PARK SOUTH – EARLY ENGAGEMENT

Name: Jeremy Kosh

Date received: 4 March 2024

I am writing to give my perspectives on the proposal to reduce Moore Park golf club down to 9 holes

I am actually a member of Royal Sydney golf club and personally don't have any issues getting access to golf but I think it is very sad that the main central course that is in Sydney and open to the enthusiastic golfers across all demographics and income earners is no longer going to be available as an 18 hole golf course.

My extended family has been having a Boxing Day golf tournament at Moore park every year – 20 golfers from all parts of Sydney – many of whom only get to play 2 games of golf a year. That is what Moore Park is for a lot of people – the opportunity to play 18 holes of golf in a central location in Sydney. The joy and mental health benefits these rounds of golf give to people cannot be underestimated. I would think the number of golfers through this course far exceeds the number of people that will use additional open parkland – particularly when there is already a lot of open space in the area. Is it not possible to make the golf course more accessible to other users – particularly at certain times of the day.

I think the Govt is making a big mistake here and misreading just how many people use Moore Park Golf and get so much enjoyment from it.

Thanks for the opportunity to pass along my thoughts.

THE FUTURE OF MOORE PARK SOUTH – EARLY ENGAGEMENT

Name: Maxim Krok

Date received: 10 April 2024

In my opinion a park should be created in the area hatched in red next to the Supa Centa.

The park area will comprise the fairways of holes 3,4,6,7 and 8. Excluding the greens of holes 4 and 8.

The current area comprising holes 2, 5 and the greens of holes 4 and 8 should be retained to create 4 holes.

The existing course on the Club house side of the course (holes 1 and 9 to 18) should be retained and redesigned to accommodate 14 holes.

The driving range area beyond 200 meters should be added to the course area for the redesign possibly increasing the distance of hole 17.

The height of the driving boundary fence at 200 m to be increased.

The result of the above is a 18 hole golf course and a park .



THE FUTURE OF MOORE PARK SOUTH – EARLY ENGAGEMENT

Name: Ron Langley

Date received: 28 February 2024

As you illustrate, there is very adequate parkland in the vicinity. Golf is an 18 hole round. Over 80,000 rounds a year are played at Moore Park. Where are these players going to go? Those who cannot afford to belong to a private club will either be forced to drive longer distances, play less interesting and challenging courses or retire from the sport. Council greed is encouraging overdevelopment of these inner city suburbs and the consequence is to cruel current golfing experience for unknown participation in parkland activities. I'd rather see Randwick Racecourse repurposed or other areas of Moore Park dedicated to cricket and other sports.

Reside within the 5 km range

THE FUTURE OF MOORE PARK SOUTH – EARLY ENGAGEMENT

Name: Kerry Larkin

Date received: 8 April 2024

It is with some dismay that I learned about the Moore Park Golf Course redevelopment announcement. This destruction/“redevelopment” of golf courses all over Australia is concerning. The basis of this argument is that a public course, such as Moore Park, should be open to all to walk their dogs, ride bikes, have BBQs. While dogs, bike and BBQs are out the public do use the golf course for walking and sunning oneself. Having played at this beautiful course I can attest to that.

The assumption that golf is a sport for the wealthy elite is absolutely rubbish. Take a look in the car park at Moore Park and you will see family sedans, station wagons and tradie utes. There is an odd luxury car and this should demonstrate that golf attracts many different people.

Currently the upkeep of the course is part paid for by green fees and membership fees. If that disappears then council will have to make up the shortfall by slugging ratepayers.

Those people who use the tennis, basketball/netball courts already have those facilities over Anzac Parade in Queen’s Park. Perhaps the cricketers that also play in that park should make way for “green space” or is it just golfers under attack? I imagine the area will be used by many who live in the unit stacks in Surry Hills and Zetland. It is worth pointing out that those people were well aware of the pre-existing golf course when they moved.

I feel this is just another overstep by government.

THE FUTURE OF MOORE PARK SOUTH – EARLY ENGAGEMENT

Name: Matthew Lawrence

Date received: 30 March 2024

I'm writing to let you know my dismay at removing half of the Moore Park golf course to create more parkland.

There are very few 18 hole golf courses accessible to the general public in Sydney. Most of us can't afford to pay for a private golf course.

I'm also a regular user of the surrounding parklands for running, walking, cycling and dog walking. I'm in centennial park multiple times through the week and at weekends. There is always enough space for everyone to share the space for activities and find quiet places to be alone.

The other green areas such as Robertson Road Fields and Moore Park West, adjacent to the golf course, are nearly always empty of people. Until these are utilised properly, I can't understand why so much money would be spent on another green space that also takes away an important and historical asset from the public.

Please do not go ahead with the plan to reduce the golf course to 9 holes.

THE FUTURE OF MOORE PARK SOUTH – EARLY ENGAGEMENT

Name: William Leachy

Date received: 8 April 2024

Please leave this iconic and much loved PUBLIC golf course exactly as it is. Moore Park is open to all, young and old, from beginner through to advanced, and is without a doubt the best public course in all of Sydney. Tens of thousands of avid golfers, myself included, simply can't afford the high cost of membership fees required to play at Sydney's PRIVATE golf courses. There is ample space in the surrounding parklands that could be redeveloped without the need to halving the size of this beautifully maintained, hugely popular, world class golf course. With origins dating back to 1913, Moore Park was the first golf course in NSW to be open to the general public. Instead of bulldozing this gem we should be protecting her for all to enjoy now and for future generations to come. Golf's popularity as a sport has seen huge growth in recent years and shows no signs of waning. In order to accommodate these increasing numbers Sydney councils need to preserve and protect the few public courses we have. It is vital that Moore Park remains an 18 hole course. By halving the number of holes you effectively halve the number of people that can play throughout the year. I understand that for non golfers the allure of halving a golf course and replacing that space with new facilities is very appealing and at the same time probably don't realise how detrimental this would be to the course and the golfing community. Just because there are those that don't utilise the course doesn't mean it's ok to take it away from the many thousands that do.

THE FUTURE OF MOORE PARK SOUTH – EARLY ENGAGEMENT

Name: Jennifer Ledingham

Date received: 5 April 2024

Please provide a large community garden. There is no such thing in this whole area of Sydney. It needs to be well run and be large enough to involve many people. Need I say how important is such a community involvement in this age of environmental challenge.

THE FUTURE OF MOORE PARK SOUTH – EARLY ENGAGEMENT

Name: Robyn Levingston

Date received: 8 April 2024

I strongly believe that Moore Park Golf should be left as is, 18 holes.

Being a public golf course, I learnt to play golf there several years ago. It is the best public golf course in Sydney and should be left as it is.

Centennial Park is sufficient open space for the area with plenty of grassland to exercise dogs etc. It is also more pleasant than the golf course area which is surrounded by very busy and noisy roads.

THE FUTURE OF MOORE PARK SOUTH – EARLY ENGAGEMENT

Name: Leonard Lloyd

Date received: 28 February 2024

NSW Government and Sydney Council are pathetic!

There are many golfers who cannot afford to join an expensive Private Golf Club.

There is a lot of Moore Park land for residents to use without stealing half of the existing course.

But why bother expressing my opinion, as I know it will be ignored.

Your proposal is shameful.

THE FUTURE OF MOORE PARK SOUTH – EARLY ENGAGEMENT

Name: Brandon Love

Date received: 1 March 2024

Looking at an overall map of the South Sydney area, there are smaller parks everywhere of varying sizes, negating the argument that there are insufficient areas for residents in high density areas.

Also, as stated, the overall area of parklands comprising Centennial Park, Queens Park and Moore Park is 370 hectares in total.

The proposed new park is 20 hectares, adding just 7.4% to the existing area, hardly significant to justify not only the high cost but also the disruption to the golf club and its players, and the confiscation of almost half of the existing golf course, adding minimal utilisation benefit.

Being a public course, I would think that being able to continue to provide the residents of this high density area the opportunity to take up an activity other than walking, riding bicycles etc and to enjoy playing a few rounds of golf close to their homes would, in itself be an excellent reason to leave the course as it is.

Not being a golfer myself, my opinion comes from my observations that some days, especially during the week, I do not see the Moore Park area over populated with leisure seekers, and is already sufficient.

I believe this proposal is a waste of ratepayers' and taxpayers' funds and should be scrapped.

THE FUTURE OF MOORE PARK SOUTH – EARLY ENGAGEMENT

Name: Ralph, Lucas

Date received: 28 March 2024

I wish to object to the proposal to reduce Moore Park golf course to a 9-hole course, this is the most used 18-hole golf course in Sydney, by members and the public.

If this 9-hole proposal is successful, I also object to the proposal to turn it into an illuminated 9-hole night golf course, this will have a detrimental effect on all Raleigh Park apartments overlooking the golf course.

THE FUTURE OF MOORE PARK SOUTH – EARLY ENGAGEMENT

Name: George Macaskill

Date received: 08 April 2024

Many thanks for the information on the above. Back in the mid fifties Moore Park was the only public course that suited local boys - it was situated in an area of young families so they could get together and enjoy our surroundings at that time. So the thoughts of those who intend to change the landscape of a historical Moore Park golf club are quite selfish and should be ashamed! I'm for keeping the course as it is so we can enjoy the open air which golf is played.

THE FUTURE OF MOORE PARK SOUTH – EARLY ENGAGEMENT

Name: Wendy Machin

Date received: 31 March 2024

I write to support Moore Park staying as an 18 public golf course. My reasons are as follows –

Golf is a growing sport and accessible for people from all age and demographic groups. Since Covid, golf's number have continually increased. A 5-year-old can play with a 95-year-old. A good player can play with a beginner because of the handicapping system.

Golf at Moore Park is affordable – as a large public course, the cost for a game of golf is very affordable with prices starting at \$28 and 18 holes costing \$55.00. For an average game of 18 holes this works out at \$12/hour – no other venue could offer that affordability. The Lord Mayor criticises golf for “being elite” (she saw a Rolls Royce once in the car park – I wonder if she was in her chauffeur driven car?)

Moore Park golf course is busy. People use it. A lot! Something like 90,000 rounds of 18 holes is played every year making it one of the busiest courses in the Southern Hemisphere. It has 7000 juniors.

Moore Park golf course is used by locals. The Club's own records show 35% of users live in the City of Sydney Council and another 38% live in the 3 surrounding council areas. Included in the visitors are many tourists from out of Sydney or overseas because it is a great quality public golf course in the centre of the city.

Financially this will be a burden on taxpayers. The proposed new parkland will be paid for by the State government. Currently it is paid for by users of the course. There is no budget for this change. Experience in Victoria shows that courses taken over by local government are poorly kept because of the costs.

There is plenty of other parkland nearby. Your own map on page 7 of the discussion paper shows how much open space there is in the general area of Moore Park and Centennial Park.

Many other local courses are private. The Lord Mayor claims there are numerous other courses nearby. She doesn't say that many of these are private and thus unavailable to many of the Moore Park players. Also many of them that are public are only 9 holes.

There are options. It was reported that under the previous government a compromise was reached that allowed for access around the edge of the course through to the other parklands nearby. What was wrong with that? It's a win-win.

In summary, Moore Park should be left as an 18 hole golf course. It is possible to work with the Club there to achieve an option that allows further connectivity to the large amount of other open space in the area without destroying the busiest golf course in Australia. This is clearly a political decision that will not stack up on any business case that is legitimately done.

THE FUTURE OF MOORE PARK SOUTH – EARLY ENGAGEMENT

Name: Ian Mackay

Date received: 8 April 2024

I am a member of M P G C, as well as a member of a golf club elsewhere.

I find that the idea of cutting MPGC down to 9 holes tragic and unnecessary.

There are huge areas of alternate available land in -

- MOORE PARK, north, between Southern Expressway and Anzac parade, north of Cleveland Street.
- MOORE PARK between Anzac Parade and Drivers Avenue.
- The whole of Centennial Park and Queens Park.

MPGC is one of the most used golf clubs in Australia, signifying the need to retain that course as is.

The idea that a sporting area of such history and high usage and demand should be partly demolished is a blight on the forward planning of the City Council, where the Council planned and approved high density housing development in nearby suburbs, without thought to retaining adequate open space within those developments.

MPGC is a golf course open to everyday players, and as such is an area that in itself offers outdoor access and sporting experience that the suggested redevelopment cannot match.

The eyes of the world will be watching closely on any redevelopment of MOORE PARK, and the City Council will be castigated if the golf club is cut down to a measly 9 holes.

Frankly, a nine hole golf club in such a prime position, nearby to suburbs housing many interested players, would appear quite PATHETIC.

THE FUTURE OF MOORE PARK SOUTH – EARLY ENGAGEMENT

Name: Ken Macleod

Date received: 28 February 2024

How did we end up in this mess?

Moore Park Golf Course, one of the area's few public and affordable golf clubs, will be cut in half. Golfers get half a game of golf. Also, it is one of the golf courses in the area with substantial female participation.

Surely, when the government and the planners were dividing up all the property worth millions of dollars in and around Zetland and Waterloo, they would have anticipated that parkland would be a community requirement. Is modelling not done then to ensure facilities are created for residents? Or were the dollars on offer too hard to turn down?

None of the rich property developers or major shareholders of the property development companies play golf at Moore Park. Their golf courses are safe in the Eastern suburbs, where the joining fees are over \$20k. Why is it that working-class golfers should have to be the ones affected here?

In an area where there is already a great deal of green space, places like the Bat N Ball Oval and Mount Steele are often not that busy; it's not like they are overflowing with parkgoers.

So what will happen is that we lose half of our golf course, and the area of the old golf course will turn into a place where people walk their dogs and not much more; as there is no parking and access isn't that handy. And also, it's not that big an area either and sits next to several busy, noisy roads.

THE FUTURE OF MOORE PARK SOUTH – EARLY ENGAGEMENT

Name: Lauren Mamo

Date received: 19 March 2024

Please leave Moore Park as a golf course.

It's serves a huge learning ground for our daughter and our family. Plenty of parklands at centennial park.

THE FUTURE OF MOORE PARK SOUTH – EARLY ENGAGEMENT

Name: Michael Mann AO

Date received: 9 April 2024

Whilst born and raised in Sydney (Bondi), I have spent 40 of the past 50 years working as a diplomat/Ambassador and university Chancellor/Vice Chancellor in 9 different countries.

I love sport, including golf, even if I play the latter poorly and irregularly. I have played several times at Moore Park over the past decade. I have taken many foreigners there who have been visiting Sydney on diplomatic or business missions.

Without exception, all are amazed that Sydney has a quality PUBLIC golf course within the city. When I have seen them subsequently on their return home they all have raved about their Moore Park experience.

This free promotion of Sydney as sports and recreation city is hard to beat.

I know of business people who fly into Sydney in the morning from overseas and go immediately to Moore Park to play 18 holes before checking into their hotels. This is a unique selling point for Sydney which is not sufficiently publicised. Whilst there are other courses in East Sydney none are as accessible to the CBD as Moore Park.

I returned to Sydney to live about two years ago and often drive through ANZAC Parade. There are numerous public areas including Centennial Park within close vicinity of Moore Park Golf Course. I note most of these areas are deserted during weekdays when Moore Park is not.

I am all for more green areas with open access within city limits. By world standards Sydney is already very well served in this regard.

I fear that the proposal to make changes to Moore Park is underpinned by a political agenda and self promotion and it will make it less attractive for visitors.

I strongly recommend that there be no change. I know my children and grandchildren agree with me.

THE FUTURE OF MOORE PARK SOUTH – EARLY ENGAGEMENT

Name: David Mansford

Date received: 30 March 2024

I find it so sad that inner city golfers and others will miss out on golf because of poor planning. Various local and state governments looked on as thousands of homes were built. Now those same governments claim the new residents need open space? Whose fault is that?

Moore Park is the busiest golf course in Sydney, surrounded by huge parks. For people visiting the area do you think they look around and think, "I wish there were some parks here"? No, I'm sure they don't. Most Sydneysiders would love to have the abundant parks of the Moore Park area.

It is cruel and wrong that golf and golfers are attacked as elites. Golf in Australia is accessible (for now at least) and affordable. It is played by people from all walks of life. Yet, if the anti-golf lobby gets their way, they will leave us with exactly what they say they hate: an elitist game played only by the wealthy. Average working Australians and their children will not be able to access golf if you take away public courses. Nine holes will not cut it: you remove a large chunk of customers and the smaller course may fail.

THE FUTURE OF MOORE PARK SOUTH – EARLY ENGAGEMENT

Name: Marsha Marsh

Date received: 2 April 2024

Moore Park 18-hole Golf Club is one of the Diamonds that make Sydney Shine.

It's right up there with the Harbour Bridge, The Opera House and Bondi Beach.

It is the closest 18-hole golf course for international travellers to relax after a busy schedule.

It is a public 18-hole golf course servicing golfers from all walks of life, age groups and socio-economic groups in an area of high Urban Density - vis a vis the high density on the other side of South Dowling Street.

The Waterloo/Redfern/Zetland/Surry Hills area now services a very dense population due to Councils allowing high density apartment accommodation.

Do you really think a 9-hole golf course, instead of an 18-hole golf course, will be suitable with this great influx of residents? Think about it.

Moore Park 18-hole Golf Club occupies such a small but VERY IMPORTANT percentage of the Centennial Parklands.

Stop this "Easy Get" land grab.

THE FUTURE OF MOORE PARK SOUTH – EARLY ENGAGEMENT

Name: Andrew Martin

Date received: 8 April 2024

I think the Government is making a mistake in reducing the scale of Moore Park to create more parkland.

While the policy of creating more parkland is an admirable and valid one, to do so by reducing the scale of one of the new public golf courses (and one v widely used) is a mistake. Why not go after one of the many private courses in the Eastern suburbs, most of which are on minimal/peppercorn rents?

I suspect the reason is because the NSW Government is too scared to take on such a battle with a private golf club even though, from a public policy/equity perspective, it makes more sense to reduce the scale of a private golf club rather than a public one. So much for being a LABOR Government!

THE FUTURE OF MOORE PARK SOUTH – EARLY ENGAGEMENT

Name: Sally Marwood

Date received: 11 March 2024

I am emailing to express my disdain and disgruntlement that one of the most utilised golf courses in Australia is to become a nine hole facility.

It is such a shortsighted and lazy solution to a problem which is due to the lack of appropriate and considered planning and approvals by both the Local - City of Sydney and state government.

Due to the new apartment buildings near Green Square, Rosebery and Zetland which in and of itself was a sensible planning decision, the lack of green space to accompany these Meriton and other development sites have resulted in this land grab for Moore Park Golf Course - a PUBLIC golf course which is so heavily used all year round.

No innovative solutions about resolving the lack of green space have it seems been investigated. What about Sunday afternoon from 2 pm in summer or 1 pm in winter that the 18 holes might be made available to local residents - similar to St Andrews in Scotland? What about the activation of other PUBLIC grounds such as SYDNEY Girls and Boys High Schools with their accompanying ovals remaining idle particularly on Sundays. What about the Robertson Road Oval where cricket — is that 11 people a side - is played which will remain (An afternoon of golf can accommodate over 100 people with more public golfers in summer)?

Aside from the above golf is an active sport with approximately 6 kms walked in 18 holes. With obesity being 1 - 4 Australians we should be encouraging more activity, more sport and moreover golf is social - a game played by families, friends and children and adults and by people with different sporting ability. It certainly can be a salve for the growing mental health problems - time in nature and with people can only be good!

We should also mention the extensive history of the Moore Park Golf Course which of course will be lost as 18 holes will attract not only locals but visitors to the city as the central location is an enormous bonus.

Golf is also one of the fastest growing sports globally.

I implore you please to reconsider this decision to reduce this great golf course in the heart of our city to 9 holes and to explore more options that will be beneficial for the local residents, wider communities and lovers of golf everywhere.