

THE FUTURE OF MOORE PARK SOUTH – EARLY ENGAGEMENT

Name: James Masters

Date received: 3 April 2024

I am a regular golfer, occasionally playing at Moore Park.

The debate regarding the future of the course is very absolute and binary - one side with 'golf is poor use of the land and only used by a small percentage of the local population'. The other side with there are plenty of other parks, just use them and leave the golf course as it is'.

There are many needs for this area, yet compromise is rarely considered apart from the golf course becoming a 9 hole facility permanently.

My suggestion is to copy the approach of St Andrews in Scotland - the home of golf. They have 'Slumber Sunday' where the course is closed to golfers and the public can use the land for any activities every Sunday.

The only 'rules' are don't damage the greens or bunkers and clean up after yourself.

Could we do the same thing at Moore Park? Golf is 9 holes on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday with the other 9 holes open to the public. On the other 4 days the golf course is 18 holes.

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Name: Breck McCormack

Date received: 8 April 2024

If Sydney is to be considered a world class city we need a public access golf course which is used by people for all works of life. The golf course at Moore Park is extremely popular and is would do irreparable harm if it is destroyed to make way for yet another park. Please reconsider!

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Name: Matthew McDonnell

Date received: 9 April 2024

This is a solution looking for a problem combined with a work creation scheme by Labour (NSW Government).

Please find something better to do with taxpayers money, here's a few suggestions:

- Make it easier for housing development to address the chronic rental and housing affordability issues
- Develop regional infrastructure to attract people to live in regional centres
- Provide better education and health services, particularly in the regional areas
- Do more to encourage people to want to live outside of the Sydney metro area (e.g. incentives, rebates etc.)

THE FUTURE OF MOORE PARK SOUTH – EARLY ENGAGEMENT

Name: Justin McFeeter

Date received: 10 April 2024

I plead with you to reconsider this proposal that would destroy one of the city's most well loved assets that is Moore Park Golf Course. A truly public golf course, located in heart of the city, it brings so much joy to so many. Anyone can play 18 magical holes on this beautiful and unique reserve that has been loved by the people of Sydney for over 100 years. Respect its history and preserve for future generations to come.

It has place, it has story, it has history.

I kindly request, for you to please call me to discuss in further detail and offer alternative recommendations for consideration.

THE FUTURE OF MOORE PARK SOUTH – EARLY ENGAGEMENT

Name: Peter McGregor

Date received: 8 April 2024

As a local resident of Redfern for over 16 years, I know the area well. As a registered architect with much urban design and architectural experience I can make comment both professionally and as a local.

Firstly, the idea to transform some of the private golf course land to a more public and multi-valent use is commendable and necessary as density increases within the neighbouring suburbs. If only a portion of the golf course is to be transferred to public ownership then **that shift needs to be very strategic**. The most strategic area to be transferred is clearly the **South End - NOT the Northern End**. The southern end will then connect to Kensington, Raleigh Park and Green Square (60,000 new residents), unlocking these areas and their access to the parklands. If then a 50metre wide strip is dedicated along Southern Cross drive, then a north-south link can be made from these southern suburbs and this new southern park to Moore Park Central. **In that way all of the public parkland**, (new and old) **will sit adjacent to the residential edges**, and the private golf course will sit more isolated, as it can, being a destination private park.

The public land must be adjacent to the street networks and the edges of density. In doing this work, Darcy street can and should have it's lanes narrowed.... The pedestrian amenity re footpath is none existent on the south and a broken down narrow rabbit track, on the north- (adjacent to the golf course). **Connections across from this new southern park and the narrowing of Darcy Street will further connect Raleigh Park, Kensington and even Green Square into the Moore and Centennial Park eco-system**.

We have recently completed some work for the Parklands Authority at ES Marks Athletics Field. This is an amazing public asset, now made even better with our project and yet it astounds me still how **unpublic** it is, how it is so cut off and removed from the park and street system adjacent. Transforming this southern edge of the golf course will mean that this public park facility can be brought into the Moore Park landscape, amplifying it spatially and facility wise, at little extra cost. It could be opened up in part as another north south green pedestrian link to Kensington.

So the golf course diagram is back to front, and needs to be reversed. Please keep us.

PS I recommend Malcolm Gladwell's exposition of golf in LA, many of the same statistics and observations can be applied to Golf here in Moore Park, in terms of large areas of privately controlled under used parkland for the few, compared to it's potential use for the many.

* <https://www.pushkin.fm/podcasts/revisionist-history/a-good-walk-spoiled>

THE FUTURE OF MOORE PARK SOUTH – EARLY ENGAGEMENT

Name: Justin McGuinness

Date received: 27 March 2024

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposal regarding the reduction of our local golf course to accommodate more public parkland. As a resident of the Eastern suburbs and an avid golfer, I firmly believe that such a decision would not serve the best interests of our community.

The current golf course plays a vital role in our community by providing accessible and affordable golfing opportunities for individuals of all ages and skill levels. Unlike other nearby courses with exorbitant membership fees, this public 18-hole golf course ensures that golfing remains accessible to the majority of residents. Additionally, it serves as a hub for coaching programs tailored to both children and adults, fostering a love for golf and promoting community engagement right in our neighborhood.

It is crucial to recognize that the proposed reduction would not only affect the golfing community but also undermine a historic and cherished institution. With over 100 years of history and approximately 500,000 visitors annually, this golf course holds significant cultural and recreational value for our community.

Furthermore, the argument for expanding public parkland overlooks the ample green spaces already available, including the 189 hectares of Centennial Park. The City of Sydney council's past decisions, such as the unchecked housing development in Zealand and Waterloo, have already strained public park spaces. Sacrificing our golf course for their planning oversights is unjustifiable.

Instead of diminishing existing recreational facilities, I urge the council and the NSW government to invest in promoting sports like golf. Encouraging outdoor activities is particularly crucial in today's digital age, where children need more opportunities to engage with nature and physical activity.

In conclusion, I firmly believe that reducing our golf course would be a disservice to the Eastern suburbs community. I implore the council and the NSW government to reconsider this proposal and prioritize the preservation of our valuable recreational assets.

THE FUTURE OF MOORE PARK SOUTH – EARLY ENGAGEMENT

Name: Bob McMurtry

Date received: 8 April 2024

For the life of me I cannot understand why anyone would want to destroy Moore Park Golf Course to increase public park lands.

Really good golf **PUBLIC** courses close to a large city are rare anywhere in the world. In this sense Moore Park is almost unique.

The idea that the people in high rises need park land is absurd. There is already space to walk dogs, or they can go to Centennial Park, which is not far away. Moore Park was already there, anyone with eyes could see it. Maybe the developers should have included there own walking space as part of the development.

For my money this is just another dumb socialist idea to discriminate against one group to benefit another. Some idiot has decided golf is elitist without understanding Moore Park is not an elite private club, and the course is open to anyone.

THE FUTURE OF MOORE PARK SOUTH – EARLY ENGAGEMENT

Name: Alex McRae

Date received: 31 March 2024

As a former resident of Zetland please do not proceed with this proposal. There is many existing parklands that are under utilised and could benefit from the investment that would be spent on this proposal.

In addition converting this to a 9 hole golf course will likely affect the profitability of the club to support its own structures and grounds because a 9 hole golf course will attract less users and can not be used to run tournament events. This will drive a club with a long history out of business. This facility should not be punished for an overpopulation of an area where there are already existing underutilized parks or areas that could be converted without impacting this golf course.

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Name: John Mellen

Date received: 31 March 2024

1. The proposal presents as a "fait accompli". Clause 6.1 seeks "feedback from the public on how this decision can be implemented".
2. The proposed 20 ha represents approx 5% of the total parkland it is part of. The existing golf facilities are used by approx 500,000 people all of whom enjoy all the known benefits from such activity, not to mention the accrued public benefit, and who, by virtue of the fees paid, maintain the area occupied at no cost to the general public. Is the benefit claimed in the discussion paper worth the cost?
3. The area proposed to be repurposed as parkland, being north of Dacey Avenue relegates the remaining area, proposed as the 9 hole golf course, to a location remote from the existing club house. Whilst there is a growing need for 9 hole golf (time poor membership) golf remains essentially an 18 hole game. Removing the 18 hole facility & replacing it with a 9 hole course as well as locating the 9 hole course remotely from the club house will in my view ultimately destroy the golf course, significantly reduce the membership, & reduce the facility to a driving range, with, perhaps questionable sustainability. If this must happen would not the allocation of the proposed parkland in the area south of Dacey Avenue achieve the same purpose.

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Name: Philip Meloy

Date received: 21 March 2024

Moore Park golf course should remain as an eighteen hole golf course. The state government's claim that particular area requires more recreational parkland does not hold up under scrutiny. Apart from the 45 hectares that the golf course occupies there's another 285 hectares of public parkland under the control of the Centennial Parklands in the immediate area with Centennial Park, Queens Park and the rest of Moore Park - all of which the public are able to use for free for a wide range of leisure and recreational activities. That area is already one of the best endowed areas for public recreational green space in the whole of Sydney – all you have to do is look at a map.

There's also masses of other areas of recreational parkland spread right across the City of Sydney Council area - the Botanic Gardens, Sydney Park, Hyde Park, the Domain, Albert Park, Victoria Park and Wentworth Park just to name a few. In fact there are over 400 parks of various sizes from small parks to extensive parklands. As opposed to that, Moore Park golf course is the only golf course - public or private within the City of Sydney Council's entire boundaries. The council should be very appreciative that such a high quality and popular public sporting facility exists within their area which they do not have to contribute a single cent towards the operation and maintenance of instead of trying to destroy it.

It also needs to be recognised that the income from the golf course is used by Centennial Parklands to maintain Centennial Park, Queens Park, the Botanic Gardens and the rest of Moore Park which the public are able to use for free. Anyone who uses any of those green spaces for leisure and recreation benefits directly from the existence of the golf course whether they play golf or not. Reducing the golf course to nine holes will drastically slash that revenue stream. This of course will mean that the resultant year on year millions of dollars shortfall in revenue that Centennial Parklands requires to adequately maintain all the public green spaces that are under its control will have to be met by the taxpayer right across the entire state of NSW.

THE FUTURE OF MOORE PARK SOUTH – EARLY ENGAGEMENT

Name: Matthew Mifsud

Date received: 29 February 2024

This needs to STOP immediately.

This is a beautiful 100year old golf course that is in excellent condition, very well maintained and accessible by all - DO NOT TOUCH, GO AWAY!

You are ruining this city with your stupid ideas and political agenda's.

I bet part of the land will be sold off for more apartments - you watch and see, this is all political.

There is literally Centennial Park (much bigger) right next door! How can you not see that! This is a joke.

You are going to ruin this course, the community it has built and making golf accessible to people in the area.

This is where people come to socialise and get counselling from friends while enjoying the outdoors. Also the employment it provides.

Just because Clover Moore is in cahoots with the developers and doesn't play golf - then this is ok. NO IT IS NOT!

Do you know how many blokes come together on the course and get to spend time with each other?

I will NOT be voting Labor at next state election based on this one issue.

An extremely frustrated Sydney resident that hates what you are doing to this beautiful city!

THE FUTURE OF MOORE PARK SOUTH – EARLY ENGAGEMENT

Name: David Milliken

Date received: 18 March 2024

I just completed your online survey about Moore Park however there wasn't space for any other comments at the end.

I just wanted to mention that the comment in the discussion paper that Dacey Ave has poor solar access (p8 of discussion paper) raised a few concerns. The poor solar access (??) is caused by the awesome level of shade provided by those fantastic trees on both sides, I think that is a good thing!

Dacey Ave has an extremely wide road pavement width and a narrow footpath on the south side. The footpath on the north side is great west of the golf course footbridge, and narrow to the east of it. It would be great if the road width could be narrowed to whatever is required for four lanes, and a proper cycle/footpath be built on the south side at least a few metres away from the road (and for the full length of the north side too).

The other comment I have is that the SupaCentre is a huge barrier if the south part of the golf course is opened up. I wonder how access might be provided across the ED and through the SupaCentre site, and what future opportunities that site might hold. Access through the Brompton Road estate probably also needs considering/improving so residents of Kensington have access to Moore Park.

I'm excited to see what designs for the park space you come up with, and perhaps you can consider the comments above in that exercise.

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Name: Ef Misoyannis

Date received: 10 April 2024

To be honest I find it ridiculous you want to re-purpose this space. There is a huge amount of public parkland in the vicinity including Centennial Park. Whenever I have attended these parklands, they do not feel overused. Adding a further 100,000 people to the population over the next 17 years is hardly going to make a difference to this situation. I realise most of this increase will occur closest to Moore Park golf, but it's not difficult for people to go to Centennial Park or use other parklands nearby.

Reducing a golf course to 9 holes, makes it unpleasant.

This is a public golf course with 18 holes - and there aren't many around that are public.

Let's not compromise it for the sake of 12% extra parklands.

THE FUTURE OF MOORE PARK SOUTH – EARLY ENGAGEMENT

Name: Richard Montgomery

Date received: 9 April 2024

Retain Moore Park Golf Course and Explore Alternative Options for Open Space Parkland and Recreation

As a dedicated member of the Moore Park Golf community and an avid golfer, I am writing to express my concerns regarding the proposed development plans for Moore Park, particularly the conversion of a significant portion of the golf course into parkland.

While I understand the importance of providing recreational spaces for the community, I firmly believe that retaining the existing 18-hole golf course is essential for several reasons. There are many benefits for preserving the status quo and exploring alternative options for open space parkland.

1. **Preservation of Sporting Heritage:** Moore Park Golf Course has a rich heritage and has been a cherished recreational destination for golf enthusiasts for many years. It serves as a vital hub for the local golfing community and has played a significant role in promoting the sport in our area. By retaining the 18-hole course, we uphold this legacy and continue to provide a venue for golfers of all ages and skill levels to enjoy their passion.
2. **Economic Impact:** The golf course contributes significantly to the local economy by attracting visitors, hosting events, and supporting jobs within the hospitality and tourism sectors. The revenue generated from green fees, memberships, and related services sustains the maintenance and operation of the facility. Any reduction in the size or quality of the golf course could have adverse effects on the economic viability of the area.
3. **Health and Well-being:** Golf is not just a sport; it is also a form of exercise that promotes physical activity, mental well-being, and social interaction. Maintaining access to an 18-hole course encourages healthy lifestyles and provides residents with an outdoor recreational outlet that is both enjoyable and beneficial for overall health. Furthermore, golf courses often serve as green spaces that contribute to environmental conservation and biodiversity.

While I recognise the importance of creating additional parkland for the community, I believe that alternative options should be explored to achieve this goal without compromising the integrity of the golf course. Some potential alternatives include:

1. **Utilising Adjacent Land:** Instead of encroaching on the existing golf course, consideration could be given to utilising adjacent land or underutilised areas for parkland development. This approach would allow for the creation of new green spaces without diminishing the size or quality of the golf course.
2. **Redevelopment of Underutilised Spaces:** There may be opportunities to repurpose existing infrastructure or underutilised spaces within Moore Park to areas into recreational areas that cater to the diverse needs of the community.

- 3. Collaborative Solutions:** Collaboration between government agencies, community organisations, and private stakeholders could facilitate the identification of innovative solutions for creating open space parkland while preserving the golf course. By leveraging collective expertise and resources, we can find sustainable and mutually beneficial outcomes for all parties involved.

In summary, I urge you to reconsider the proposed development plans for Moore Park and explore alternative options for providing open space parkland to the community. Retaining the existing 18-hole golf course is vital for preserving our sporting heritage, supporting the local economy, and promoting the health and well-being of residents. Thank you for considering my perspective, and I remain hopeful for a collaborative and inclusive approach to addressing the recreational needs of our community.

THE FUTURE OF MOORE PARK SOUTH – EARLY ENGAGEMENT

Name: Shay Moodliar

Date received: 9 May 2024

I am an avid golfer with a single-figure handicap and have played over 300 grass-green golf courses across Australia alone, so would like to think I know a bit about golf courses and their layouts.

I support a 9-hole golf course and the retention of the clubhouse and driving range proposal for Moore Park.

I propose an approximate 170 000 square metre parkland for Moore Park (see Figure 1).

I would like to further propose a Par 36 layout with a 3 x par-3, 3 x par-4 and 3 x par-5 mix of holes with 3 holes on the clubhouse side north of Dacey Avenue and 6 holes south of Dacey Avenue.

There are not many 9-hole golf courses in NSW that are Par 36 and over 3000m in length. I propose that just that for Moore Park - something that sets it apart from the 9-hole layouts.

I retain the 18th green and re-purpose the existing 18th green as a chipping green facility.

I retain the pro shop building.

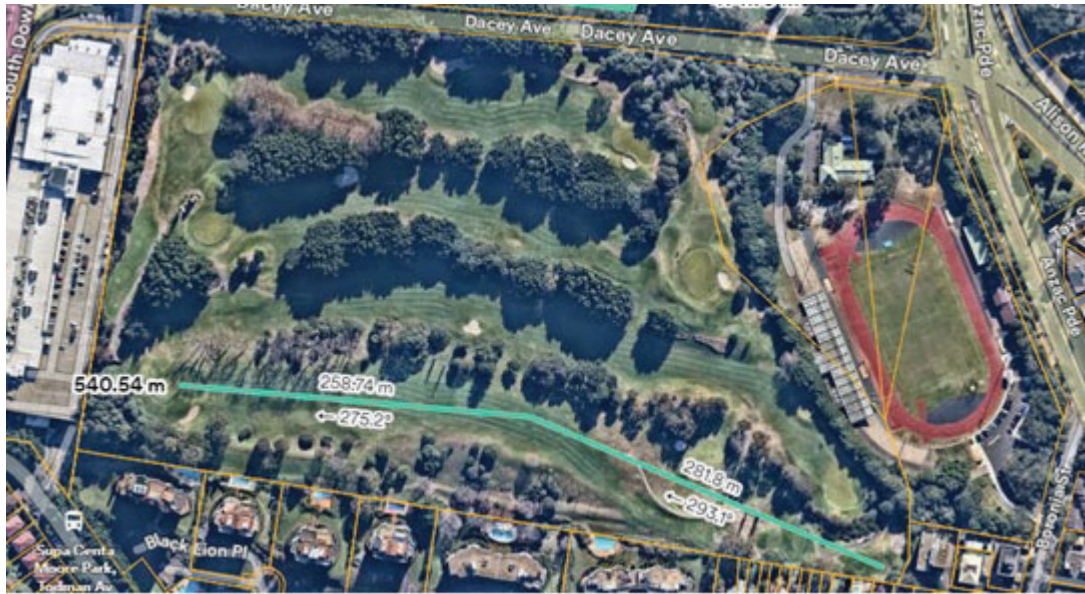
I propose the following changes to the golf course with most holes having a dedicated cart path along the side of the rough:

- Hole 1 - new Par 5 - 470m - new 1st tee at the existing 10th green. Two new rows of trees along the left side of the new Hole 1 for approximately 300m length to safeguard motorists along Anzac Parade. The new 1st hole is a slight dogleg right with a new green and bunkers adjacent to the greenkeepers/maintenance facility.
- Hole 2 - Par 3 - 137m - retained.
- Hole 3 - Par 4 - 382m - retained.
- Hole 4 - Par 5 - 550m - retained.
- Hole 5 - new Par 5 - 540m - existing green retained and tee moved back to the existing 5th tee.
- Hole 6 - Par 3 - 190m - retained existing Hole 7.
- Hole 7 - Par 4 - 363m - retained existing Hole 8.
- Hole 8 - Par 3 - 205m - new Par 3 hole with the tee at the existing 1st green.
- Hole 9 - Par 4 - 330m - new straight Par 4 with the new green at the existing 1st tee.

Figure 1 - Moore Park layout. Note tees are red and new greens are green with approximate sizes in square metres.



Figure 2 - Moore Park layout. Only change here is the closure of the existing Par 3 5th hole to make way for a longer Par 5 5th hole.



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Name: Greg Moore

Date received: 10 April 2024

This is my response to the discussion paper “the future of Moore Park South, a proposal to covert part of the Moore Park Golf Course to a new park”.

I do not support the proposal to convert part of the Moore Park Golf Course to a new park. The proposal will destroy the golf course and fail to provide a meaningful recreational park. The space proposed to be repurposed is bounded on three sides to the north, east and west, by multilane main roads and to the south by private property. The space is effectively an island with limited pedestrian access and even less vehicular access and presumably no plans to repurpose the open space surface with asphalt.

The proposal to repurpose current open space:

- transforms existing active open space used on a daily basis by hundreds of Sydneysiders to one that will be limited to a very local cohort, unlikely to attract anywhere near the current annual patronage;
- destroys the existing golf course diminishing both the experience and the capacity delivering poorer outcomes for both current and future golfers;
- is not a requisite to reimagine the golf course;
- is less than 1km or 15 minute walk to Centennial Park and Moore Park;
- is largely inaccessible by pedestrian, public and private vehicular access, bounded on all sides by main roads and private property;
- fails to create any additional open space nor deliver more open space; and
- does not deliver “a new park that is:
 - Inviting
 - Accessible
 - For everyone”.

The discussion paper identifies the population growth within 5km radius of Centennial Parklands as a basis for the NSW government to announce the proposal to transform 20 hectares of the Moore Park Golf Course. This increase is predominantly concentrated in the City of Sydney on the western side of the Eastern Distributor. Further the need would appear to be accentuated by over a decade of planning approvals by the City of Sydney and NSW Department of Planning that has encouraged and allowed developments without provision for adequate open space. The proposal to address what appears to be planning shortfalls by repurposing existing open space does not create new open space.

The proposal seeks to justify denying existing and future participants by suggesting an unidentified cohort “are more likely to engage in social and alternative format golf, such as mini golf”. The proposal is not a requisite to reimagine the golf course. “Short form golf, hospitality, complimentary entertainment and night golf” are all possible opportunities today without the need to destroy the golf course. Increasing, not decreasing, the existing golf offering recognises the public interest, high participation and alignment to the sporting and entertainment hub extending the Moore Park visitor experience.

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Name: Gareth Morgan

Date received: 28 February 2024

If there was such a demand for this open space centennial park would be over capacity, it isn't this is just an abuse of public space by the greenies for people who don't exist. Save Moore Park for golf for the benefit of all and not just a few.

THE FUTURE OF MOORE PARK SOUTH – EARLY ENGAGEMENT

Name: David Mortlock

Date received: 02 April 2024

Losing Australia’s busiest public championship golf course

“You can always go round twice” was a comment by Lord Mayor Clover Moore to a Board member of the Moore Park Golf Club (MPGC), following the release of the discussion paper to reduce MPGC by half; from an 18-hole championship course, to a non-championship 9-hole course.

Introduction

I am 72 years old. I’ve been playing the Course for 37 years. I have represented and served on its Board. My son, who just turned 40 years has been a member since he was 10. We are among many people deeply connected to the Course.

In the discussion paper “The Future of Moore Park South” (February 2024) the NSW Government states that the current population of 690K living within 5 kilometres of Centennial Parks 360 hectares is expected to increase by 100K by 2041.

The NSW Government has a public open space strategy. The City of Sydney Council does not appear to have an open space strategy but relies on the NSW Government strategy. A search has found an open space sports and recreation needs study (2016) which mentions reconfiguring or shortening MPGC.

There are key determinants of policy decisions which are missing from the strategy. Also, some data provided to the MPGC Board by the Premiers Department and City of Sydney is either false or misleading. Use of the open space is one such determinant and both Government and Council data state that 30 to 35 million visits per year are made to adjacent Centennial Park as an argument that more open space is needed. However, this figure includes people in transit through Centennial Park enroute to the Entertainment Centre Precinct, to schools, to shops and to work places.

In a further lack of transparency, no mention is made of the 41.6 hectares of open space at Sydney Park, within the same residential catchment area.

There are two other Public non-championship golf clubs close to MPGC offering 18 holes of golf; Eastlakes and The Coast, neither are currently accepting new 7-day members. Below is a comparison:

Club	Join Fee	Annual Subs	Public Fee per Round	Number of rounds per year	Public Use
	\$	\$	\$		%
MPGC	2K	2612	45-69	91K	76
Eastlakes	2K	2644	50-60	60K	50
The Coast	3K	1895	50-75	55K	55

Note

1. Source MPGC
2. I have not compared the cost of golf with Private Clubs like The Australian or The Lakes or Royal Sydney. While they are 18-hole courses, the public are excluded.

Discussion Paper response to Have your say 6.1

How would you like to use the new recreational area within Moore Park. What would you like to see and do there?

I would not use the new proposed park because I already use Sydney Park and existing recreational space.

What opportunities are there to reimagine golf at Moore Park?

Public access to the unaltered 18-hole course can be increased by closing the course at particular times, as agreed by a full community consultation. This has happened at Marrickville Golf Club with the Prime Ministers support and also at the home of golf at St. Andrew's in Scotland.

Night golf requires driving or walking through and to an area which is less safe at night for vulnerable groups such as children and the elderly. As I am a golfer, I would not use putt putt golf for entertainment as there is already an 18-hole golf course in place.

MPGC only uses 12% of the available Centennial Parklands land. We should be using available, underutilised, accessible and attractive land north of the 16th and 10th greens that go all the way to Cleveland Street for recreational use.

What, if any, barriers are there for you in accessing this area of open space?

I have no transport difficulty in accessing the golf course. However, pedestrians from the south and west will have difficulty crossing South Dowling Street. Cleveland Street is serviced by buses. Locals who want to walk their dogs can only take them on public transport if they can be carried. And beyond 15 minutes from a destination the Public will always choose its own transport resulting in increased climate damaging emissions.

What else should we be thinking about with this proposed change?

The proposal omits detail on what provision standards the NSW Government used when determining there was a need to halve MPGC. For complete transparency these details must include the following:

- Maximum distance residents should live from open space
- How much open space should be provided per head of population.
- Accurate data on ACTUAL recreation usage on Centennial Park. This must provide disaggregated data of the transient use of Centennial Park
- How the Government and Council has determined there is an undersupply of open space.
- The golfing facility contributes \$15 million pa, that will be significantly less if the Course is cut in half. Costing estimates must be provided for any changes to current accessibility to MPGC for residents who are expected to use the new park. This must include traffic flow changes, carparking, bridges or tunnels for pedestrian access, particularly for residents of Waterloo, Zetland, Surry Hills and Kensington.
- The proposed 9 holes is a bad design that must have been created by a non-golfer. Almost nowhere else in the World would you find two par 5s adjacent to one another.
- The increased population prediction is 16 years away so this appears to be an easy election promise from a minority Government who need to secure support from local elected representatives.
- MPGC hosts 91K rounds per year 76% are Public and likely most not interested in only 9 holes, where will they go, those who want to play 18? And what of the balance, the 24% who are members of MPGC where can they go. The two obvious choices, The Coast and Eastlakes, their membership is closed, it's full up? The National Golf Foundation determines there are 3.5 million golfers in Australia, that's 13% of the population. On that basis there will be another 13K golfers among the 100K new people who will move into the area, so where will they play?
- The club has been the starting point for many Juniors who have gone on to be major champions. That will not continue if it is no longer a championship course!
- Moore Park has a proud history in its 111 years of service. It is available and affordable to everyone regardless of status, it was the first golf club in Sydney to give women full playing member rights and it is Australia's most travelled golf course.

Conclusion

MPGC does the heavy lifting for Public Golf in Sydney. We should value what we have in this exceptional public golf course in the heart of an international city. The Lord Mayor is not a golfer or she would know that you shouldn't have to "go round twice".

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Name: Tony Mountstephen

Date received: 4 April 2024

I am a golfer of 86 years and enjoy the fresh air, exercise and social interchange that I get at Moore Park Golf Course which is one of very few championship courses worldwide that are so close to a big city centre.

The course is used by people of many ethnicities who mix well with likeminded sportspeople many of whom cannot afford membership of other golf clubs.

The course was established in 1913 and has a proud history of providing inexpensive fun and exercise for all genders and walks of life.

Reducing the course to 9 holes would greatly reduce the number of players and many who now regularly play would be dissaffected and stay away putting the future viability of the course in jeopardy. Course maintenance and pro shop jobs would also be lost. It should be noted that over 90% of golf courses worldwide are 18 holes because 9 hole course do not provide sufficient interest and challenge.

Moore Park Golf Course attracts many visitors and families to Sydney and the adjoining Club has a prominent history in first grade competition.

There is ample parkland space already existing so ruining such a golfing gem is not justified.

I doubt sufficient use of the added areas would occur and there is the added question of safety for families ,especially those with children.

Thousands of rounds of golf are played here every week which, when multiplied by 5 hours per round, represents huge exercise hours for the public which easily surpasses any reasonable figure for its alternative use.

I recommend a visit to the course from Council members on any day of the week to experience the wonderful atmosphere that exists at Moore Park Golf Course.

THE FUTURE OF MOORE PARK SOUTH – EARLY ENGAGEMENT

Name: Quentin Munro

Date received: 06 April 2024

I have played on the coarse since I was a child. I confess that I don't play there as often as I used to, but I look forward to playing your course ,with old friends' , when I am in town.

It is a unique opportunity to meet up with our city friends and our sons.

I might support some intelligent "SHAVING" around the edges for walkers and joggers with plenty of protection.

THE FUTURE OF MOORE PARK SOUTH – EARLY ENGAGEMENT

Name: David Murray

Date received: 6 March 2024

NSW Government

Please use some commonsense and keep the Moore Park South for Golf.

The solution is for the Golf Course to give up the 16Th Hole for the public space. The new 16th hole could have toilet block, bike track, picnic area and children space etc. It has access already across Southern Cross Drive with steel bridge and connects to the green mountain on the NW corner of golf course.

Moore Park Golf can easily reconfigure the golf course by giving up the 16th hole and the NSW Government can be seen to make a family friendly green space.

A win win.

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Name: Matthew Murray

Date received: 28 March 2024

Change it up. Be fearless. Good luck.

I'm a keen golfer and I have loved playing Moore Park Golf Course. I have played there a few times, and have marvelled at the existence of an 18-hole golf course in the middle of the city. It's kind a cute.

But I think the time has come to rededicate the site to broader use, and to incorporate an element of original identity.

Inner-city population is burgeoning, time to respond to inner-city needs.

Definitely retain a proper 9-hole golf course, but give the rest over to the broader community need.

Thanks for the opportunity to comment.

THE FUTURE OF MOORE PARK SOUTH – EARLY ENGAGEMENT

Name: Carel Nel

Date received: 3 April 2024

I want to document my strong opposition to the change proposed to the Moore Park Golf course.

This course is the only public course in central Sydney offering 18 holes to all comers not just the wealthy elite. Its closure will only affect those who can only afford its reasonable fees. The players most affected will be retirees, tradespeople, housewives and tourists.

I can't see the benefit its closure will have on the general non golf playing public. The current area in Moore Park open to the public's hardly used. I should know, I walk my dog there daily in splendid isolation. Also unlike the golf course, the public areas are unkept and overgrown, hardly a recommendation for an even larger area in future.

The decision of the Minn's government to overturn the previous Government's decision to allow the golf course to continue unchanged is short sighted as it directly negatively impacts his support base and no one else.

THE FUTURE OF MOORE PARK SOUTH – EARLY ENGAGEMENT

Name: Nicko Keene

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: Pam Nicholson

Date received: 10 April 2024

Please stop demolishing our open spaces, I consider them to be the lungs of the area. We have so much heavy traffic polluting our cities we are being choked, golf courses provide exercise & enjoyment for so many people. We don't have to provide more units & homes because people want to live here. Think of the future. As we all know, once it's gone, we can't get it back.

No one wants a replica of China or any other Asian countries.

You will go down as the government that destroyed our natural environment.

THE FUTURE OF MOORE PARK SOUTH – EARLY ENGAGEMENT

Name: Christopher Nicolson

Date received: 10 April 2024

It is necessary to maintain Moore Park golf course as an 18 hole course because it is the only course in the area that is affordable to the average city dweller. It is a course for the battlers who like to have a game of golf. A round of golf at Moore Park costs approximately \$40-\$50. The next course down the road, The Lakes, cost \$400 for a round and at the Australian, you can only play if you are invited by a member.

Every day, around 250 people will play a round of golf at Moor Park. Every day the time sheets are virtually full. If the course is halved, that will mean only 125 people will have to be turned away. What do we expect those 125 people to do. I can guarantee they will not be the sort of people who can afford to play at The Australian or The Lakes.

It is fair to say that more green space should be provided around this area, but it is on the Western side of South Dowling that its needed. That is where the development is happening, that is where the people live. Having said that, I drove through Waterloo last week and the oval in McEvoy St was completely empty. Not one sole to be seen; there were two or three people in Alexandria Park.

Taking Moore Park Golf Course away from the battlers who like to have a round of golf, won't resolve the planning disaster the Government has created on the Western side of South Dowling.

THE FUTURE OF MOORE PARK SOUTH – EARLY ENGAGEMENT

Name: David Ninham

Date received: 2 April 2024

I would like to propose that you consider a dedicated space to learn and observe the activities of beekeeping.

This is a popular and environmentally positive hobby that many people would like to participate in, however it is widely misinterpreted as easy and bee hives and honey bees are often seen as self-maintaining, however this is not the case and there are many skills required to care for these essential pollinators.

Some people would like to just observe, and some would like to practice just some of the skills required (e.g. honey extraction). Hence the idea of an apiary, maintained by an apiarist, where people from all walks of life can come and learn and participate in the care and maintenance of bees and learn about their importance in our environment with a selection of different sessions available to participate in.

It would be especially nice if activities could include persons with disabilities as well.

An apiary of 4-6 bee hives would be ideal and would require a qualified apiarist, where hives are maintained, and interested persons can participate in the on-going, varied and often complicated activities of bee-keeping. The apiarist could run weekly classes with the schedule of activities varying as the seasons change.

This would require a detailed plan of activities undertaken over the year - from hive construction, and maintenance; bee-health monitoring and regular inspections for pests/diseases, for monitoring honey-flows during spring, and how to maintain a healthy environment for bees to thrive within the park.

OH&S would need careful consideration.

Ideally, there would need to be honey extraction facilities, including a small shed for supplies, safe area for honey processing and bottling, and the possibility to distribute honey and bees-wax products to visitors to the park. The space required would be less than 10 square metres for the apiary and a small storage shed and processing area.

As a qualified apiarist, I would be most interested in assisting to develop a plan and budget for the apiary and for community participation and education in bee-keeping.

THE FUTURE OF MOORE PARK SOUTH – EARLY ENGAGEMENT

Name: Maureen Noonan

Date received: 07 April 2024

1. How would I like to use a new recreational area? What would I like to see and do there?

There is around 20ha of underutilised greenspace around the existing Moore Park Golf Course that could contain such facilities. When I walk from Paddington to the Bourke Street Bakery or play golf at Moore Park, these outside spaces are mostly empty. Where are all the pressing crowds craving for a new park? Why do they not use all that space that currently exists?

I am pretty happy with the way it is, so I have considered what might be nice for other people in the area.

Walkers and cyclists are already well catered for. It would be nice for them to have totally connected paths around the perimeters of both centennial and moore parks to create a circuit.

However, a lot of people are not able to enjoy long walks or cycling.

- children's playground (secured and next to coffee point so mums can meet, socialise and supervise at the same time),
- 3 hole mini golf course,
- an 18 hole putting only course,
- an outdoor gym for both big and little people,
- a native garden with indigenous guardian and educator.
- Seating.
- A water fountain /feature that sprays water over small children.... to play in when it is hot.
- Dog lovers seem to like a meeting place where they can talk or have coffee while their dogs play or run around off leash,....a la Rushcutters Bay Parkbut they can foul the environment and make it difficult for others to enjoy the same spaces, so should be confined to particular locations.

A multi use space? There are infinite possibilities.

- Perhaps the driving range could become an outdoor concert venue with the driving bays the stage and the range a picnic spectator space occasionally?
- St. Andrews golf course in Scotland turns into a walking space on Sundays.
- People wander around Woollahra golf course at the same time people are playing golf.
- A treasure hunt for children at Easter?
- Chinese New Year 1000 types of dumpling market?

- A used sporting gear car park boot sale market once a quarter?
- Outdoor painting venue?

2. What opportunities are there to reimagine golf at Moore Park?

There are always opportunities to reimagine. Hence, the existence of the (very popular, successful and lucrative) driving range... a relatively modern addition. Technology is available to play virtual golf (e.g. other courses) using screens and computers.

The existing course could be reimaged to enable 18 holes to be retained (and therefore the calibre and the status of the facility).

I read somewhere that some people ask: What is the difference? If you want 18 holes, just play 9 holes twice! One could equally say: If you want to go on a long walk, why not just keep pacing up and down your living room? Golf is a sport that equips one for life. It is the variety in the challenges presented, the strategic thinking required, the fitness, endurance and concentration required to play 18 holes that makes a golf course and the true golfer. With 9 holes, and a public course only (with no club participating in competition with other clubs), it would become a practice facility only.

The emphasis in the proposal to “a future for public golf” at Moore Park implies that there is no future for a private club (Moore Park Golf Club) alongside the public golf. This would deny locals in categories... such as those of lesser means, new to Australia, temporarily here for work, or not socially well connected... the opportunity to participate in high level competition at the up market private golf courses in the eastern suburbs. I feel for the talented young ones being denied such opportunities.

Clover Moore has remarked on the existence of a Rolls Royce in the carpark, and how the golf course is enjoyed by “a privileged few golfers”. This sounds like the politics of envy.

That we should be so lucky that there is still a place in our society where different socioeconomic groups can, and do, mix. Moore Park Golf Club is perhaps a unique 100 year old institution Ms. Moore and the State Government seek to throw in the garbage, without so much as a thank you to the members for contributing to the cost of care of the greenspace all that time, and nurturing talent and enterprise. I recently saw The Great Divide, the latest Williamson play. He remarks about how we used to be an egalitarian society but that has changed. And Ms. Moore is certainly doing her bit to keep dividing.

Moore Park is a public golf course. The records show that 100,000 golfers enjoy it each year. Are these the “privileged few”?

If I were in charge, I would promote Moore Park Golf Course as a unique facility within 2km of a world city centre. Visiting tourists are amazed and sometimes come off their cruise ships to hit a few balls.

Night golf? What about the wildlife? 1 hole perhaps with “hole in 1” prizes.

3. Barriers to access

I walk to, and through, Moore Park and drive to Moore Park Golf Course. There are therefore no barriers to my use.

Walkers, cyclists and golfers from the surrounding 2-3km access Moore Park and Centennial Park without any problems, just as I do.

Physical barriers to access for able and motivated people must therefore exist only for people further away than me. Most people in Waterloo, Zetland, Redfern and Green Square are no further away than me.

Physical barriers do exist for people who do not cycle or are unable/unwilling to walk very far.

Perhaps the emphasis on access / connectivity to open space for such people should be walking, cycling, busing, down to a suitable stop (e.g. in that area near the Bourke Street Bakery) of the light rail (rather than attempting to cross the E Distributor at street level). The light rail goes under the tunnel to the other side of Moore Park. From there, they can more easily access the rest of Moore Park East, ...the Entertainment Quarter, with all the entertainment and facilities there (movies, games, fairs, markets and other things which could be provided in those spaces in future...plus the stadium and cricket ground (who could be encouraged to provide more experiences/tours), Centennial Park...i.e. get to the things they are more likely to want to do.

There are also non-physical barriers.

A lot of people have time barriers. They go to school (hopefully), or work during the day.

Alternatively, some prefer indoor artistic or cultural activities, going for a swim, going to the gym. No matter where the green space is, they will not use the outdoors much.

Other users have considerable practical barriers. For example, if a mother with a new baby or young child wishes to meet others in a similar position, given all the clobber she must take with her, she must usually drive, and will drive to Centennial Park where a suitable coffee house, child bike riding path or playground is provided. It may be too far and too dangerous for little legs to get to the western side of the golf course dedicated as a park.

A family looking to have a picnic or barbeque could do so now if facilities were provided (or, they brought their own)...tables, BBQ...in one of the many areas of Moore Park south not currently used...e.g. the area near bat and ball oval or Mt. Steele, near to and below the Moore Park Golf clubhouse, the tollhouse and empty old bowling green area, the area below the machinery service area. Often, families seen in Centennial Park have items with them that can only be transported in cars and they seek parking close to where they will picnic. They will not lug all those heavy items for kilometres and over busy roads.

I have seen dog walkers on the paths around Moore Park golf course and outside areas who walk alone or gather near the bat and ball oval area for a couple of days a week over the past 24 years. And, I have never seen those areas crowded; not even during COVID.

4. What else to think about?

Cost? Who will pay for the landscaping? Fencing? Facilities for the "high quality" park? Upkeep? Cleaning? Policing? Lighting?

Safety? Crossing the busy roads? Congestion? Stray golf balls falling on picknickers? Lighting.

Genuine surveys rather than political propaganda. Ask people what they do /want to do with their time (rather than Would you like more green space?) to make sure facilities match what they actually do.

Wildlife? Will we just be overrun with scavengers feeding on garbage from careless picknickers? Will dogs drive out ducks and birds.

THE FUTURE OF MOORE PARK SOUTH – EARLY ENGAGEMENT

Name: Jeanette Northall

Date received: 13 March 2024

As a member of MPGC for the past 37 years I am devastated by the thought of this wonderful course being changed to a 9 Hole course.

It is one of the busiest public golf courses in NSW. I cannot imagine any other parkland, including Centennial Park, that caters to so many people exercising!! Yes, golf is definitely exercise both of the body and mind.

A lot of revenue is made through MPGC which goes to Centennial Park and other parklands. Where will that revenue come from if not MOGC.

I have made so many friends through MPGC over the years. It kept me sane when I cared for my husband who had dementia who was also a member at MPGC.

I cannot believe there will be any benefit by changing the golf course just to get permission to build more units. Clover Moore has been trying to change MPGC for years. Would love to know her reasons for disliking golfers so much. We are healthy outdoor people who care about our environment.

I hope someone does actually read these emails. Please, please, please do not let this pass.

THE FUTURE OF MOORE PARK SOUTH – EARLY ENGAGEMENT

Name: Brett Notley

Date received: 20 March 2024

I'd like to comment on the proposal to create a 20 hectare park on land currently used by the Moore Park Golf Course.

There are a number of reasons the proposed new park should be rejected ...

- There are existing parks along South Dowling Street that are under-utilised for recreational activities (e.g., Bat and Ball Oval, the park space north of Sydney Boys High/Sydney Girls High). Why will this proposal be any different? Has a study been done to understand the utilisation of the above mentioned parks? These parks are similarly located near high density areas in Redfern and Surry Hills yet they don't get used very often.
- If people can't easily access the proposed park they won't use it. How will people access the proposed park?
- There is currently insufficient parking in the proposed new park area to be able to drive to the park. Would the proposal replace the green space of the golf course with parking?
- To walk to the proposed park from Waterloo/Zetland/Redfern you need to cross busy streets like South Dowling Street, Lachlan Street, Dacey Avenue and O'Dea Avenue which would be dangerous for parents with young children. How would you solve for this to reduce the danger for parents? Build another Albert "Tibby" Cotter Walkway across South Dowling Street at one of the busiest intersections in the area? That would be expensive and difficult to execute as there is no natural spot to start a bridge on the western side of South Dowling Street.
- To catch public transport would require walking and crossing either South Dowling Street or ANZAC Parade. Same issues as the previous bullet point. There are no public transport stops on Dacey Avenue.
- It is not appealing to sit and relax next to South Dowling Street and ANZAC Parade as they are busy thoroughfares with thousands of cars passing through the area on a daily basis with their noise and pollution. Why will people sit next to main roads and have a picnic?
- Centennial Park is less than 500m away from the proposed park. Centennial Park is a much quieter and more appealing park to visit. It has abundant wildlife and recreational options for the people of Waterloo/Zetland/Redfern. Centennial Park also has great parking options. Why would you visit the proposed new park when Centennial Park is so close?

- Planning for the Waterloo/Zetland/Redfern areas should have included sufficient green space in that area. Why was this not considered when highrise apartments increased density in the area?
- Can industrial land in Waterloo and Zetland be purchased and re-purposed as green space? This would create new green space in the area rather than re-purposing existing green space.
- If you were to acquire part of Moore Park Golf Course for a new park, then why wouldn't you acquire the area south of Dacey Avenue rather than north of Dacey Avenue? South of Dacey Avenue is much quieter as it is protected from South Dowling Street by the Moore Park Supacentre and from ANZAC Parade by ES Marks Park. The south side of Moore Park Golf Course is closer to the areas of Waterloo and Zetland that this proposal is meant to serve.
- Moore Park Golf Course is one of the few 18-hole public golf courses in the area that is accessible and affordable to the general public.

The proposed new park will be a costly white elephant that will be under-utilised by the people of Waterloo/Redfern/Zetland. I urge this proposal to be rejected.

THE FUTURE OF MOORE PARK SOUTH – EARLY ENGAGEMENT

Name: Terry O'Brien

Date received: 1 July 2024

Upfront I play golf but rarely play Moore Park.

The decision to take half of this course & covert it into a recreation area for the MANY residents that have moved into the area in the past 10 to 15 years is floored.

- There is already open space nearby, Centennial Park, west of the SCG, north of the SS school.
- The Moore Park Golf Club had NO say in erecting all the high-rise buildings, stop the Council approving the developments.
- Taking half the course will destroy over 100 years of history.
- Will the current Government please come to a rational decision & STOP this madness.

THE FUTURE OF MOORE PARK SOUTH – EARLY ENGAGEMENT

Name: David Ogilvy

Date received: 6 April 2024

I wish to see Moore Park Golf Club retained as an 18 hole public golf course. It is a 2nd to nonpublic facility in the heart of Sydney, a rare thing indeed. It is right next to Centennial Park a huge open space already available for the people of Sydney.

This government intervention is typical of a communist or totalitarian regime & will be a blot on the governments record forever.

THE FUTURE OF MOORE PARK SOUTH – EARLY ENGAGEMENT

Name: David Ower

Date received: 2 March 2024

I have heard about the plans to reduce the size of Moore Park golf course.

I have also heard the arguments: that there is not enough green space for public use in the area; that there are plenty of golf courses in Sydney; that golf is an elitist sport played by a few etc.

An aerial photograph of the area would show that there is actually a lot of green public space around Moore Park.

There are quite a few golf courses around Sydney, but many of them are private and do not allow access to non-members who cannot afford the joining fees and annual fees, or choose not to spend their money in that way.

One of the major attractions of Moore Park golf course is that it does allow access to non-members, at a low price, and that it gives the opportunity to play golf to people who wouldn't otherwise be able to play. The numbers of people who play there are testament to the fact that it is an important and well supported resource for the community.

Moore Park golf course is a very well used, publicly accessible green space. To portray it as something else is disingenuous at best.

THE FUTURE OF MOORE PARK SOUTH – EARLY ENGAGEMENT

Name: Jamie Oxley

Date received: 6 March 2024

After reading this nine page report which probably cost Aussie taxpayers thousands of dollars and some “woke”, indoctrinated, Marxist bureaucrat hundreds of wasted hours, I have to conclude that taking that golf course away from the local residents is the biggest bunch of bullshit I have ever read, especially when the report confirms that golf of one of the most unifying, healthy activities the locals have in that stifling metropolis.

THE FUTURE OF MOORE PARK SOUTH – EARLY ENGAGEMENT

Name: Francesca Papaioannou

Date received: 8 April 2024

I object to the changes wanting to be made to Moore Park Golf. Another blunder by our useless government.

Taking away half of Moore Park Golf course is not Australian. We are about our outdoor sports, do you intend to half the cricket fields and tennis courts? The discussion paper says 'The images below provide some ideas of what the future of golf at Moore Park could be.' There is no responsibility in this sentence.

Moore Park Golf is affordable for all, as an amateur golfer I can't afford other courses nearby.

Moore Park Golf is an attraction to tourists. We've ruined our nightlife attraction, let's not ruin our sports offerings as well.

Instead of taking away from an outdoor sport that's so inclusive, plan the monstrosity developments better and stop overcrowding this part of Sydney. This seems to be a sneaky plan, providing a path for more highrise developments down South Dowling. The traffic is INSANE as it is and the roads are terrible.

Do better. Keep Moore Park Golf alive.

**Submission
No. 236**

THE FUTURE OF MOORE PARK SOUTH – EARLY ENGAGEMENT

Name: Thomas Parel

Date received: 31 March 2024

I'm a local resident [address withheld] and in favour of the redevelopment of parts of Moore Park Golf Course into a public park.

I really think a large outdoor heated pool similar to what's there at Prince Alfred Park would be good facility to have at the new park.

THE FUTURE OF MOORE PARK SOUTH – EARLY ENGAGEMENT

Name: Bruce Peachey

Date received: 9 April 2024

LEAVE THE GOLF COURSE AS IT IS!

Centennial Park is very close by & is underutilised for recreational activities – you should be encouraging people to use this space.

Not many cities in the world have a full golf course so close to the CBD – this should be preserved.

It is also a public golf course that anybody can play.

LEAVE THE GOLF COURSE AS IT IS!

THE FUTURE OF MOORE PARK SOUTH – EARLY ENGAGEMENT

Name: Justin Peters

Date received: 9 April 2024

I oppose the proposed changes to Moore Park Golf Course.

Australia is unique in that people of all financial circumstances can access golf. In other developed countries access to golf courses is impossible without lots of money.

All golf loving immigrants value this difference we have here.

Reducing the number of people that can play at Moore Park by halving the course is a backward step.

In addition there was a lack of public consultation before the announced plan. Given this and the large areas of other public parks nearby it is hard not to be cynical at the proposal.

Basically it is seen as posturing on a non-issue.

Will be elated to hear the plan has been dropped.

Should we be spending money on this? Now?

**Submission
No. 239**

THE FUTURE OF MOORE PARK SOUTH – EARLY ENGAGEMENT

Name: Tim Petersen

Date received: 3 April 2024

Centennial Park is big enough and have never seen it crowded enough to need more parkland.

THE FUTURE OF MOORE PARK SOUTH – EARLY ENGAGEMENT

Name: John Phillips

Date received: 31 March 2024

You don't need to lose 9 holes.

The public won't use the vast majority of the land returned. they will use walking track, exercise areas, playgrounds and bbq areas and toilets All of which could be fitted in and retain 18 holes if they looked outside the square.

**Submission
No. 241**

THE FUTURE OF MOORE PARK SOUTH – EARLY ENGAGEMENT

Name: Jye Pickin

Date received: 30 March 2024

Save Moore Park Golf Course.

It's the best place for public to play in the city it's a historic course that should be maintained and preserved for future generations to enjoy this great game on

THE FUTURE OF MOORE PARK SOUTH – EARLY ENGAGEMENT

Name: Annabel Pokorny

Date received: 1 March 2024

I have read the discussion paper and feel that it touches on some very important points. I agree with the suggestions for nature playgrounds, running and cycling paths and areas for open space play (but without removing any of the mature trees if possible, as shade is an absolute necessity, not to mention that the trees are home to many native animals). I would love if an aquatic centre could be added in but understand that this might not be practicable. I think it should be noted however, the vast number of people who now access the world class Gunyama aquatic centre, and the need for another aquatic centre in the area to cater to the growing population.

My main concern (and I have this concern for the existing paths to Centennial Park as well) is the lack of safe access for pedestrians and cyclists. I am specifically thinking of the large, busy intersections at Anzac Parade and Cleveland Street, at South Dowling Street and Dacey Avenue, and at Anzac Parade and Dacey Avenue.

The intersection at Anzac Parade and Cleveland Street is absolutely crying out for a pedestrian overpass. Cyclists and pedestrians pass this intersection from very early in the morning until well into the evening, with many crossing against the lights due to the frustration of having to wait for multiple light changes just to reach the Federation Way path to Centennial Park. There are 4 separate traffic lights for pedestrians when crossing 1 way across Anzac Parade from West to East on the south side of the intersection.

There are similar frustrations when crossing Anzac Parade at Dacey Avenue, where there are multiple crossings that are very slow to change for pedestrians, even during periods of low traffic. I think this is going to be an increasingly bigger problem when Moore Park South is opened up to the public, with much larger numbers of pedestrians and cyclists attempting to cross at that spot. Another pedestrian footbridge would not go astray here as well.

Thank you for taking the time to read my submissions and I wish Centennial Parklands, the NSW State Government and the City of Sydney Council the best of luck in this endeavour.

THE FUTURE OF MOORE PARK SOUTH – EARLY ENGAGEMENT

Name: Johan Polhem

Date received: 28 February 2024

I am writing to give the feedback on the proposed plans to turn Moore park Golf course into another park land. Overall I think this is a bad idea. Golf is one of the fastest growing sports in Australia. It is expensive with very few good options for those who are not members at fancy private courses or that are not welcome due to their sexual or racial identity. How did this ever pass the test of inclusivity and diversity?

What you are doing is taking away a huge source of joy from thousands of people. Furthermore, there is more than enough parklands in that area that are currently almost entirely unused. Visit centennial park at any day, any time and you will find it empty. Another park will be equally empty.

This will make many marginalized people's lives less joyful while not improving a single one.

THE FUTURE OF MOORE PARK SOUTH – EARLY ENGAGEMENT

Name: Sean Powell

Date received: 21 March 2024

I have a great idea.

Keep it as an 18 hole public golf course. It is the most utilised public golf course in Australia and the Southern Hemisphere.

Ms Moore you are not the empress of the city of Sydney. The area has plenty of green space (Moore Park, Centennial Park, Queens Park, Botany wetlands just to name a few). You do not need to take away the opportunity to play golf just to satisfy a few elitist residents.

THE FUTURE OF MOORE PARK SOUTH – EARLY ENGAGEMENT

Name: Lynette Preston

Date received: 10 April 2024

Firstly - congratulations! This is wonderful news this section of parklands will be returned to public use. I have the following comments and they broadly respond to the below strategic goals/contexts:

3. Improved visitation and participation

4.1 A new park

Places to dwell

5.4.1 Environment and sustainability

Renewal of the golf offering will consider how to maximise trees and habitat, accommodate wildlife refuge and promote biodiversity hot spots.

I feel great benefit would be gained by creating an interesting, varied walkway for walkers and joggers which winds its way through the park. At various points having seating options to simply take in the surroundings, and some affording shaded areas for picnics and other small gatherings.

I would greatly encourage a clear focus on creating areas throughout these walkways (and the park in general) of dense multi-layered shrub habitat specifically to focus on creating sustainable habitat for small birds - like the one featured in the discussion paper! Small birds have largely disappeared throughout our inner city neighbourhoods due to the lack of suitable habitat and this would be a perfect opportunity - and one able to be promoted - to create a dynamic, attractive and alive location for their reestablishment. As an example of this, I have in mind the amazing coastal wetlands area at south Coogee Beach, and the restoration work on the surrounding coastlands habitats completed over the years. It's now home to an amazing variety of small birds while also supporting a high level of controlled human traffic on a terrific walk/jogging path. These objectives can co-exist very happily.

More broadly, I would love to see this initiative of a "small bird stronghold" of suitable habitats more broadly established across Centennial Parklands ...habitat lilypads of a sort :) allowing these birds to step by step move around a broader area. This could be such a win for Centennial Park, becoming a valuable acknowledged part of its offering and success.

THE FUTURE OF MOORE PARK SOUTH – EARLY ENGAGEMENT

Name: Stephen Proctor

Date received: 25 February 2024

Greetings — I'm golf historian who has written two books on the game, as well as an article for a history journal on the great Australian Arthur LeFevre. I want to send my strongest recommendation for saving all 18 holes of Moore Park. These kinds of courses provide an entryway for the next Arthur LeFevre or Mona MacLeod. I am also a firm believer that golf courses make great open space for wildlife and the community — and get considerably more use than park, which often sit empty. I've seen numerous videos — taken at a variety of times of day — that show adjoining parks sitting empty while Moore Park bustles with activity. That speaks volumes. Please do the right thing for your community. Keep Moore Park open!

Author of Monarch of the Green and The Long, Golden Afternoon

**Submission
No. 247**

THE FUTURE OF MOORE PARK SOUTH – EARLY ENGAGEMENT

Name: Steven Pryke

Date received: 14 March 2024

Please, please, please build high rise flats and import non speaking immigrants from foreign countries with 5 wives who can then get on a pension and suck this country dry.
Or, maybe leave it as a golf course.

THE FUTURE OF MOORE PARK SOUTH – EARLY ENGAGEMENT

Name: Ken Puckeridge

Date received: 28 March 2024

I live in Zetland and use Centennial Park and other parks everyday for walking. I am not a member of Moore Park golf and never play there.

However, I DO NOT think ½ of it should be taken for parkland, there are enough parks already even allowing for the ongoing metropolis.

Of green square.

THE FUTURE OF MOORE PARK SOUTH – EARLY ENGAGEMENT

Name: Alex Ramsay

Date received: 9 April 2024

Please do not close Moore Park golf course.

There is a lack of understanding about the availability of golf courses in the Sydney area and the barriers to playing because of the exclusivity and price.

Almost every course in Sydney and in Eastern Suburbs in particular costs tens of thousands of dollars to join, the fees are extortionate, and they are exclusive in who (particularly what demographic) are able to join.

Moore Park golf course is one of the very limited available golf courses in Sydney available to the public. Business is always thriving there every day of the week. There are also a ton of parks in Sydney and Eastern Suburbs already with Centennial being just over the road.

It would be a tragedy if the golf course was to close.

THE FUTURE OF MOORE PARK SOUTH – EARLY ENGAGEMENT

Name: Marc Rees

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I just wanted to voice my absolute disgust at the outrageous decision to remove half of Moore Park Golf Course. One of the busiest golf courses in the Southern Hemisphere, used by tens of thousands of people from all different walks of life and from all sorts of different backgrounds. I regularly play with tourists (both domestic and international) and it's an iconic moment for them being able to play a round with the Sydney skyline in the background and glimpses of the bridge.

The decision is even more outrageous when you consider all the green space surrounding the golf course. There are multiple parks available to the public and the 467 acre Centennial Park is right next door!!

It's such a shame that once again the general public pay the price for government and developers greed with the over development of Zetland and Waterloo next door.

Now, golf, one of the most popular pastimes in the world, played by 60m people globally, and thousands locally, we have nowhere to go locally for 18 holes. Another nail in Sydney's coffin.