

THE FUTURE OF MOORE PARK SOUTH – EARLY ENGAGEMENT

Name: Wildflower, Gardens for Good Limited

Date received: 9 April 2024

Wildflower is a First Nations-led social enterprise that cares for Country through land management and restoration. We are based in Redfern and our impact is both environmental and social. We bring Country back to urban spaces, while providing meaningful and culturally-safe employment to break the cycle of disempowerment for the Aboriginal community in Sydney.

Wildflower generates \$2.22 in social and community benefits for every dollar invested, including benefits to government through reduced welfare payments and increased tax revenue. We also directly contribute to Australia's Closing the Gap targets as a jobs-focused social enterprise.

We are encouraged by the discussion paper's invitation to help shape the future of an important green space in our community. Our feedback centres around population density, the potential economic impact of the project on inner Sydney, and the opportunity to consider ongoing connection to Country.

The discussion paper highlights the population density of the suburbs surrounding Moore Park, however doesn't mention the cluster of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the areas including Sydney; City and Inner South (1.5%), Eastern Suburbs (1.1%) and Inner West (0.7%)¹. We hope that considerations are made for how Aboriginal people will utilise the future space, in the form of a cultural area or walk.

This project has the capacity to have a significant impact on the local economy and we hope to see beneficial opportunities for local businesses, social enterprises and First Nations-led organisations in the design, delivery and ongoing management of this important green space in our city.

We encourage Greater Sydney Parklands to engage organisations that deliver both an economic and social impact in all phases of the project. We hope to see benchmarks set for engagement, tender scoring and/or procurement, and that these benchmarks are monitored throughout the project.

Lastly, we hope that caring for Country outcomes will be mandatory throughout all phases of the project, and in the ongoing management of the land once the project has been completed. We want to see Greater Sydney Parklands take a local approach to caring for Country and restoring it. In a practical sense this begins with endemic species and local Custodians caring for the land.

Above all, Wildflower would like to see this project deliver tangible outcomes to First Nations

¹ Australian Bureau of Statistics <https://abs.gov.au/census/find-census-data/quickstats/2021/IQS120>

people in the form of employment, economic development and a place First Nations people of all ages can embrace and enjoy.

Roman Deguchi
CEO and Co-Founder

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Name: Twenty10

Date received: 27 March 2024

Here are the ideas – all from people aged between 12 – 25 and identify as LGBTIQA+.

We asked them to think about Moore Park and surrounding park areas - which many were familiar with and here are their ideas.

- accessible/gender neutral bathrooms
- water stations
- shaded area
- sensory spaces, duck/fish pond e.g. Japanese garden in the sensory space
- more private area e.g. more structures/foliage as parks can feel very open
- interactable spaces
- flower gardens
- climbable areas like the playground towers/balconies
- informative maps,
- signs and clear access to public transport e.g. buses, trains
- indigenous input for bushland, sculptures, information on the local culture etc.

Jain Moralee
Chief Executive Officer

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Name: The Entertainment Quarter (Carshinga Investments Pty Ltd)

Date received: 10 April 2024

Overview

Carsingha Investments Pty Ltd ('Carsingha') is the leaseholder of The Entertainment Quarter ('EQ'), a State significant and historic site within Moore Park, part of the Greater Sydney Parklands estate.

Carsingha supports the NSW Government's plan to transform part of Moore Park Golf Course into a new public multi-purpose park for the growing local population as well as Sydneysiders. This park will provide local and Greater Sydney residents access to green space and add to Moore Park as a unique sports, entertainment and major events destination.

We believe this is an important step in realising Government's ambition for Moore Park to play a more significant role in NSW's cultural life and build upon Sydney's reputation as a vibrant, liveable and global city to visit and stay.

Moore Park is one of Australia's most significant precincts

Moore Park is a site of immense social, economic and cultural significance for Sydney. Once the home of the Royal Easter Show, the Showgrounds and the Zoological Garden, Moore Park has been the centre of Sydney's recreation, entertainment and sporting activities. Today, Moore Park is visited by more than 20 million people each year as a local, national and international sporting and recreation destination, being the home to:

- More than 115 hectares of public open space and heritage parklands;
- The world class Sydney Cricket Ground and Allianz Stadium, the home of 15 of Australia's most significant sporting codes and clubs;
- The iconic Hordern Pavilion, which hosts up to 80 different live music and festival events each year;
- Disney Studios Australia, the largest integrated Film Studio in the southern hemisphere;
- Numerous active recreation facilities, including natural turf and synthetic turf sports fields, tennis, basketball and netball courts and playgrounds.

The NSW Government recognises that Moore Park needs to meet Sydney's demographic and lifestyle changes

Over the next 20 years, the NSW Government has forecast that the Sydney's population will grow to 6.1 million people, a million more people that currently live in the region. Consistent

with this, the local suburbs adjacent to Moore Park is forecast to grow by more than 80,000 new residents.

As outlined in *Moore Park Masterplan 2040*, significant areas of new green open space and recreation amenities have not been planned to support this growth. Parkland for both active and passive recreation will become increasingly valuable as an increased local population will seek more tangible health and wellbeing outcomes.

As such, Moore Park will need to adapt to these pressures and incorporate long-term consumer behaviour trends, including:

- The changing nature of structured and unstructured sport and recreation;
- Increased demand for entertainment activities, driven by a broad and ageing population and changing technology; and
- The need to balance vibrancy, safety and inclusiveness.

This will place greater importance on Moore Park to improve connectivity and accessibility, particularly through:

Greater pedestrian and cycling access, with improved connection to the CBD, Central Station, the Light Rail and growing urban areas to the south-west of Moore Park;

- Improved public transport services (Light Rail, buses) and Point-to-Point transport management;
- Improved parking solutions, with a diversified range of locations to park as much as possible, that will enable on-grass parking to be phased out; and
- Better local traffic circulation, during event and non-event periods, to help ease congestion.

Enhancing a smaller-scale Golf Course should help the Moore Park Precinct get the balance right between sport, entertainment and recreation demands

Since 1926, the Moore Park Golf Course has occupied 45 hectares of parkland located within 3km to the CBD. It is one of the busiest public courses in Sydney and features one of the largest driving ranges in the southern hemisphere.

However, as referenced in the *Moore Park Masterplan 2040*, the Moore Park Golf Course and the role it plays within the context of the growing population is changing:

- The Moore Park Golf Course's 45 hectares inhibits easy movement for pedestrians and cyclists throughout Moore Park, particularly for those living in Waterloo and Green Square.
- Consumer behaviour is changing, with unstructured sport and recreation activities becoming increasingly popular amongst an ageing population;
- The way in which people participate in golf is also changing. Some expect that the traditional membership model of golf clubs is under threat, with the 'pay to play' model becoming more popular. As such, clubs will need to adapt by offering new and innovative models as well as varied formats of the game.

It follows that a multi-use green public space, alongside a reduced golf course and an enhanced driving range, consistent with *Moore Park Masterplan 2040*, will allow the Greater Sydney Parklands to maintain the relevance of Moore Park to the growing local population as well as all Sydneysiders.

Greater Sydney Park/ands need to source more sustainable revenue sources to fund increased investment in community infrastructure

The modification of Moore Park Golf Course and changes to accessibility will require input and, potential funding, from other Government departments. Nevertheless, it is likely that Greater Sydney Parklands will need to source more sustainable revenue sources to help pay for these capital projects.

As part of the *Greater Sydney Park/ands Trust Act* legislation process, the Government outlined that commercialisation should be limited to those areas already identified and that there should be a nexus between the park where funds are raised and where those funds are spent.

Helping Moore Park Precinct reach its true potential for the focal community, visitors and all Sydneysiders

We believe the Moore Park Precinct should reach its full potential, as an integrated sport, entertainment, and leisure precinct for all Sydneysiders. The Entertainment Quarter is the missing piece of the precinct, and when renewed, will make Moore Park the rival of the world's great venues, featuring:

- a world class indoor concert arena (c.15,000 seats) and theatre situated in a renewed entertainment district activated with restaurants, bars, and multiple small/medium live music venues.
- a dedicated and vibrant creative industries ecosystem, including new education facilities and creative facilities for production and post-production businesses.
- a revitalised Show Ring as a new focal point for women's sport in NSW, providing a state-of-the-art home for local community teams and schools, talent pathways and a home for the Sydney Swans AFLW and Sydney Roosters NRLW teams.
- An improved pre and post event day experience, with casual food and beverage facilities, better pedestrian access to grounds and additional carparking

Substantial investment by the private sector is expected to generate increased visitation, employment, tourism and inward investment.

In turn, this will lead to increased sustainable revenue streams for the Greater Sydney Parklands. We welcome any opportunity to answer any questions.

Sam Romaniuk
Co-CEO
The Entertainment Quarter

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Name: Gujaga Foundation

Date received: 15 March 2024

Response received via the Aboriginal Communities & Stakeholders Consultation:

How we can best work with Traditional Custodians and First Nations communities to provide this new public open space in inner-city Sydney?

The Gujaga Foundation works collaboratively with Elders, knowledge holders and leading academics to provide services relating to our cultural area within eastern, southern and south-western Sydney.

We provide consultation on connecting and designing with Country for Coastal Sydney, and are currently and have previously worked with councils and institutes surrounding the site and would be happy to meet to discuss how to provide meaningful community consultation and information for this project.

Look forward to hearing from you.

Elizabeth Tierney
Manager, Projects and Consulting

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I hope that is ok, I would like to be involved in any future meetings looking forward to your reply.

Kayelene Terry – Manager
Bariyan Cultural Connections

THE FUTURE OF MOORE PARK SOUTH – EARLY ENGAGEMENT

Name: Bariyan Cultural Connections

Date received: 17 March 2024

Response received via the Aboriginal Communities & Stakeholders Consultation:

How we can best work with Traditional Custodians and First Nations communities to provide this new public open space in inner-city Sydney?

I am a proud Kamilaroi Women with bloodline through our Apical Ancestors to Traditional Dharug Custodians and I am a local Aboriginal Artist, studied with Uncle Danny Eastwood and have been involved with Aboriginal Cultural and Heritage Work and have attended meetings on country and connect our culture into many different projects. New Estates, Schools and Parklands.

I would like to provide and share ideas for the new public park and reimagined golf offer at Moore Park, Sydney.

Set up a meeting to discuss the project and contact the local Land Councils, Organisations and businesses for details of the Traditional Custodians and First Nations Communities. Hold workshops so we could see the plans and how we could have an input to connect country with our culture.

Looking to the future – how can we incorporate Caring for Country in the future design and operation of this new park.

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Kayelene Terry – Manager
Bariyan Cultural Connections

THE FUTURE OF MOORE PARK SOUTH – EARLY ENGAGEMENT

Name: Name withheld

Date received: 20 March 2024

My wife, some (19 years) and I are all members and regular players at Moore Park Golf Course (MPGC). I'm very disappointed in Chris Minn's decision to destroy Moore Park's magnificent heritage 18-hole championship golf course.

I would like you to make my case to your government for the reversal of this decision based on the following reasons:

1. MPGC is a golf course for everyone. As a public facility, it's inclusive. It is the only centrally located golf facility that opens its doors to everyone without discrimination. It is where people can come to learn the game, enjoy the game and even get really good at the game. However, golf is a game that is played over 18 holes. To steal half of the course is akin to taking half a soccer field for parkland or saying to a soccer club using that facility, just play on half the field. It is foolish, disrespectful and makes absolutely no sense.
2. Turning a golf course into parkland does nothing to help increase housing. To put it bluntly, Chris Minn's argument is to turn public access land into public access land and that will fix his housing problem???
3. MPGC does great things for young people and will ultimately save the government money. If you say to a 13 year old, lets go to the park for a walk, they'd screw their face up. Say to a 13 year old, lets go and learn to play golf with other kids your sage and they might be interested. When my son was around 13/14, he was part of a young, combined boys and girls junior MPGC rep golf team. This team competed in the Sydney Metropolitan Encourage Shield competition (a handicapped team comp for young golfers across Sydney) and won it in 2017. They then competed for the Encourage Shield State Championship and won that. Then the next year they did it both again, State Champions back-to-back - never done previously in the 78-year history of that competition. Without MPGC this wouldn't have been possible. He now has a life-long love for the great sport that will keep him healthier and help him live longer... saving the government a fortune in lower health costs.
4. If your government were to read the extensive independent community impact assessment carried out by SBP Advisory and Street Ryan for Golf NSW (see link) you'd realise that golf delivers key social benefits (slide 9) such as stronger social capital, increased community cohesion and, greater social inclusion. In addition, golf delivers key health benefits (slide 8) such as a lifetime health contribution of \$1.4 billion total health benefit across male and female golfers. 80% of Moore Park regular golfers live within 5km of the golf course!!! 71% of all golfers nationwide are over 50 yrs old. I'm sure you can see the connection and how critical this facility is to the health (Both mental and physical), and social

well being. Non-golfers using the park for picnics (as Minns suggested), ie physical inactivity, is the fourth highest risk of disease behind tobacco, obesity and alcohol use.

<http://www.golfnsw.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Golf-in-NSW-Community-impact-Study-Final49.pdf>

THE FUTURE OF MOORE PARK SOUTH – EARLY ENGAGEMENT

Name: Name withheld

Date received: 2 March 2024

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the recent decision to reduce Moore Park Golf Course from an 18-hole course to only 9 holes. As an avid golfer in our community, I strongly believe that this decision will have detrimental effects on both the recreational opportunities for residents and the overall appeal of Sydney. Moore Park Golf Course has been a cherished recreational asset for our community for many years. Its 18-hole layout provided ample opportunities for golfers of all skill levels to enjoy the sport in a beautiful and accessible setting. By reducing the course to just 9 holes, we risk losing a significant portion of the course's appeal and functionality.

There are several reasons why I believe this decision should be reconsidered:

1. **Loss of Recreational Opportunities:** With only 9 holes available, the capacity for golfers to enjoy the course will be greatly reduced. This will inevitably lead to overcrowding, longer wait times, and decreased satisfaction among players.
2. **Impact on Local Economy:** Moore Park Golf Course has been a key driver of tourism and local economic activity. Reducing it to 9 holes may deter visitors and golfers from outside the area, resulting in lost revenue for local businesses.
3. **Community Wellbeing:** Golf is not just a sport; it is a social activity that brings people together and promotes physical activity and mental wellbeing. By limiting the course to 9 holes, we risk depriving our community of these benefits.

I urge you to take action to reverse this decision and preserve Moore Park Golf Course as an 18-hole course for the benefit of our community. This may involve exploring alternative solutions to any challenges or concerns that prompted the reduction, such as maintenance costs or environmental considerations.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue. I look forward to your response and to working together to ensure the continued vitality of Moore Park Golf Course for generations to come.

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Name: Name withheld

Date received: 17 May 2024

I wanted to say that I STRONGLY SUPPORT the development into parklands for public use.

I love all of the suggested uses on page 10 of the Moore Park Discussion Paper, particularly nature play for kids, walking and youth facilities. I love the potential for more native animal habitat.

In addition, I would like to see:

- bike parking for larger cargo bikes
- bike path connections to the site
- public toilets (this is often lacking at local playgrounds)
- a learner cycleway for kids (the ones at Centennial and Sydney Park are so popular and often rammed on weekends)
- minimal priority given to car parking, other than disabled parking

THE FUTURE OF MOORE PARK SOUTH – EARLY ENGAGEMENT

Name: Name withheld

Date received: 3 April 2024

I am writing to express my support for the proposed conversion of a portion of Moore Park Golf Course to public parkland. The new park will offer a much-needed recreation area which will be well-utilised by residents of surrounding suburbs. Conversion of the site to parkland will also represent a much fairer and inclusive use of what is valuable, public inner-city land, allowing everybody to use the area, not just golfers. The decision to create a new public park on this site is an excellent one and has been well received by people in my local area. I commend you for your leadership on this issue.

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Name: Name withheld

Date received: 9 April 2024

I have a few comments:

1. Currently golf is booming globally, as it is not a body contact sport, and a very limited availability of Public Courses. Private Golf courses are very expensive.
2. Golfers want to play 18 different holes, not the same 9 holes twice.
3. The Labour party was recently rated the worst performance of a government since the Whitlam government of the early 1970s.
4. There is Zero chance of the Minns government getting past 20% of what housing requirements the Federal Government requires. This is what happens when the PM allows 750,000 mainly unskilled immigrants into Australia.
5. It would be smart if the NSW Labour government extended Moore Park GC for at least another decade.
6. The NSW Premier will rapidly lose the support of the golfing community. This is a very questionable decision somewhat when the bicycle lanes were built in Sydney CBD.

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Name: Name withheld

Date received: 31 March 2024

Rich white men might benefit from keeping it, but families want more green space now. It's fabulous.

Also- Mark Wahlberg is lame. Not sure who thought it would be smart to have families be lectured by a millionaire American actor while we're all working hard to make ends meet. Reinforces just how out of touch these golf types are..

There are five other golf courses within ten minutes.

Yay the park.

THE FUTURE OF MOORE PARK SOUTH – EARLY ENGAGEMENT

Name: Name withheld

Date received: 26 March 2024

I write regarding the pending loss of public access golf courses in Sydney and surrounds. As deeply disappointing as it is, I understand the pressures on government to provide housing and green space for the growing population and that golf courses are viewed as a means to this end.

However, it is important to recognise that all golf courses in question (Moore Park, Cammeray, Kogarah, Warringah, Balgowlah; in the future Eastlakes, Marrickville, Bondi, Lane Cove, Chatswood, Botany and many others on government-issued leases) and are publicly accessible and that no private courses are at risk of closures (presumably including some that lease government-owned land).

Ultimately these courses (with the exception of Moore Park and Eastlakes) are small and of fairly poor quality. These sites could, perhaps, be better used for housing and public parklands - if a fair compromise could be reached. The gradual loss of publicly accessible golf courses is a poor outcome, which disadvantages and disfranchises many in the community.

A notion that is not - but should - be considered is that the NSW Government could coordinate offsetting the pending loss of publicly accessible golf courses over time.

For your consideration, the NSW Government could coordinate (with local governments and other lessees), repurposing many of the smaller golf courses across Sydney that have a questionable future and use part of these proceeds of sales to build the equivalent of Bethpage State Park Golf Course (www.bethpagegolfcourse.com) on the outskirts of Sydney. Bethpage State Park Golf Course is also a world class course that is a massive tourist attraction and hosts major events. An alternative option would be to build separate courses, dispersed across the Greater Sydney Region, on government-owned (or acquired) land.

If connected by arterial roads and public transport, either would be an entirely viable options and better outcome than golfers might otherwise expect in the short- to medium-term. It would enable government (as the owner/trustee) to keep the costs (and thus accessibility) of public golf in check (compared to private courses) and could be developed over time (i.e. the loss of X number of inner city courses and, say ~400,000 round p.a. to fund the development of X number of new courses, providing for those ~ 400,000 rounds p.a.). If other courses followed suit and closed/were repurposed, additional courses could be developed to offset this loss and provide playing opportunities for the wider population.

This is an option that would require state-level coordination across governments and so it is not being considered amidst course-specific discussions (e.g. current consultation on Moore

Park). It would open up huge amounts of land across Sydney but also preserve publicly accessible golf in Sydney.

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Name: Name withheld

Date received: 19 March 2024

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

The answer to this depends on what becomes available and where, and how much access is available.

It would be great to have walking areas and cycling areas that weren't competing with each other, to have accessible picnic areas, which are shaded and comfortable to be outdoors, and with seating and tables available. Not everyone wants to sit on a blanket.

Learning opportunities about nature would be a plus – tree recognition, animal and bird recognition, bush regeneration opportunities

High importance: This area should also be made suitable for young people, whether they be skateboarding, or BMX riding, or using the outdoors in ways they decide. Bringing young people outdoors would be a very good outcome, and involving young people in the design of the area would also mean they would be attracted to and committed to using it. They are often not interested in using the outdoors in the ways older people use the outdoors, so offering alternatives would be very important. Engaging young people in management/development of our outdoor areas is crucial.

•What opportunities are there to reimagine golf at Moore Park?

I play golf (member) at Moore Park, and enjoy this access and activity, but I'm not committed to 18 hole championship/competitive golf.

Opportunities include:

- Night golf (other than existing driving range), probably par 3.
- Par 3 golf course, or other short form golf for daytime use.
- On-grass driving range / warm up area for golfers pre-game (as alternative to existing range that is used mostly by people as alternative to playing golf, not as pregame warm up.)
- More learning opportunities for people of all ages, and those less interested in competition golf, (competition golf is currently offered by the Moore Park Club for its members).
- Different forms/rules of golf, similar to those offered at the new 9 hole Cammeray golf course (e.g. move ball out of rough instead of banging away trying to hit out of the rough, throw ball out of sand bunkers if you want, focus on finishing hole without holing out if you're taking too much time. An issue at Moore Park in the afternoon

playing time is when groups of learners/less experienced golfers keep on putting and missing, rather than just picking up and moving to next hole.)

- Opportunities for people to just turn up and play with whoever is ready to tee off.
- More attention to marshalling players/groups on the course, to allow more people to start playing a round when there is a gap on the course. At the moment you can see big gaps between players or playing groups at almost any time of the day.
- Better access for silver members, to allow booking a spot several days ahead rather than 2 days ahead.

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

- Very hard and dangerous to get to Moore Park by cycle. Would be very good to be able to ride from Ultimo/Newtown/Glebe/Camperdown area then to ride at Moore Park South as alternative to Centennial Park. In reality you have to drive to CP then unload bike then ride then drive away. Easier access from eastern suburbs.
- Golfers can get abusive (a bit) if someone is walking across fairway. But it's such an attractive place to walk around. It's a meditative space early in mornings, when playing golf, very quiet and peaceful, so understandable that people want to walk around.
- Limited parking. And now expensive parking for non-members – non-members have to spend at least \$30 in the shop to get free parking, otherwise quite a \$ hit.

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

- A key issue is to give children/young people access to outdoor activity that they like/choose. Don't tell them what to play what to do at a park. When they're young perhaps they don't want to just walk in the park and enjoy the birds etc. But in time they will.
- Important that young people are included in discussion/consultation, and are given meaningful input to plans and development. Also very important that they have involvement in management.

The golfing community seems very conservative and not interested in seeking or responding to new opportunities, or indeed change at all.

I have seen many social media comments from MPGC members, and from other golfers, which see the proposal to move from an 18 to a 9 hole golf course as being a political witchhunt – the ALP government, the Sydney Lord Mayor, the Greens – are colluding to take away the pleasures of golfers.

The argument has also been put that the people who play at MPGC, and the members, are just ordinary people, - the working man if you will – who are struggling with the cost of living, and that Moore Park is affordable compared with private clubs. This is true, but I don't think we talking about the average 9-5 working parent.

An argument is also put that the proportion of women and young people playing is increasing. I doubt this, especially when you look at the playing tee off time sheets (mostly men playing), and when you look at those using the driving range – majority men and younger men at that.

I believe we can get much more out of the available space, both for golfers and for those seeking other activities.

**Submission
No. 39**

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Name: Name withheld

Date received: 31 March 2024

Please keep the Moore Park golf course unchanged. The public has adequate, available safe now especially with centennial park close by.

THE FUTURE OF MOORE PARK SOUTH – EARLY ENGAGEMENT

Name: Name withheld

Date received: 3 April 2024

I cannot understand why a very valuable asset as a public 18 hole golf course would be removed from the city. Sydney is very lucky to have a fabulous 18 hole golf course offering not only the public but visitors both nationally & internationally a unique experience. It is in an area that has an abundance of beautiful parks & green space already. I just can't imagine why a government can be so short sighted. It won't be long before the next stupid project will be on the agenda & high rise apartments will appear on this new so called more parkland.

It is unacceptable for government to be demanding more & more condensed living without providing tree planting & green space as part of the developments. It is a very lazy government who thinks the solution is to take away from the city which previous governments have given to the people.

It will be a very sad day to see such a public important asset disappear & I would strongly hope for a reconsideration of such an appalling abuse of a wonderful golf course.

THE FUTURE OF MOORE PARK SOUTH – EARLY ENGAGEMENT

Name: Name withheld

Date received: 30 March 2024

I'm extremely disappointed to learn of the Government's plans to carve up Moore Park Golf Course. It has been a well used course for many, many decades. It is open to the public to enjoy and to those who can't afford the private courses. My father played there regularly after returning from WW2 service as it was available for public access.

I would drive to Moore Park for the driving range and golf course facilities in the 1980s and 1990s as I was not able to access courses in the inner west.

Whilst I'm now a member of a private golf club, I think the opportunities that Moore Park Golf Course offer to new players and those that can't afford private golf courses is an essential public service that we should retain.

It is disappointing that the government has approved so many new developments without the appropriate green space, and is now trying to carve up a fabulous facility to fix a flaw that they overlooked in the approval process.

THE FUTURE OF MOORE PARK SOUTH – EARLY ENGAGEMENT

Name: Name withheld

Date received: 10 March 2024

I am writing to provide my views on the Moore Park South change of use scheme.

Firstly I would like to OBJECT to the current plan to change the northern half of Moore Park Golf Course into a recreation area. I am a woman, in her early 30s who has been learning and playing golf at Moore Park for the past 18 months. As a minority group in this sport I would like to highlight that if it wasn't for Moore Parks accessibility (public transport and parking), it's excellent Driving Range Facility, easy to book system, affordability, wide easy to play holes and its welcoming 'public' nature I would not have been able to get into golf. All the other courses in Sydney are considerably harder to get to, are more expensive, do not have the driving range facility, and are not so 'welcoming to the public'. Therefore the more park golf course is unique in what it provides to Sydney and I don't think it should be shortened.

If however, there is no stopping the plans to repurpose part of Moore park golf course I feel strongly that it should be the southern half of the course that is removed. To split up the 'golf course' from the club and driving range is a stupid idea. The plans say that it will retain a 9-hole course – but how will this be achieved when there are only 8 holes in the southern half. Holes would have to be considerably narrower making it a considerably less favourable course for the majority of players. This also means the chipping and putting practice area will be lost, an area that is important to learning players.

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

If you are introducing a new recreational area, I believe it should have majority areas suitable for adults, not more children's play areas as there are so many of these throughout the city. Include an excellent standard outdoor gym (not the very simple cheap ones), a bouldering wall, basketball hoop. Relaxation areas planted for wildlife, with native flower gardens, wildlife ponds (wildlife ponds not lake reservoirs), rockery's etc. should be included. Make it a place which enhances Sydney's biodiversity and doesn't focus on 'people' only.

What opportunities are there to reimagine golf at Moore Park?

Shorter holes could be beneficial, if the course itself is redesigned. Holes over 300m/yards are too long for the majority of players at Moore Park (learners). The driving range ball dispensers need fully upgrading, and the range itself would benefit from an area with distance and learning technology. The lesson area of the range is too large, most of the time it is empty whilst people are queuing to use the remaining bays. Bays should only be reserved for lessons if there are lessons booked. Some bays should also be numbered and be able to be prebooked.

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

The ridiculous parking fee that has just been introduced, why is parking charged here but Centennial parklands is 3 hours free! 1 hour free simply isn't long enough to practice at the driving range, and all but 1 of the 'no. of balls' available do not meet the \$30 criteria for free parking. Make this free for 2 hours/ free if you are visiting the golf course or driving range.

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

THE FUTURE OF MOORE PARK SOUTH – EARLY ENGAGEMENT

Name: Name withheld

Date received: 27 March 2024

Please find attached a redevelopment concept for 2A S Dowling St (currently Supa Centa Moore Park) that I have developed.

This redevelopment concept is a response to the consultation organized by Greater Sydney Parklands (March-April 2024) on the future of Moore Park South.

The proposal by the NSW Government will transform 20 hectares of Moore Park South into green open space for community recreation in one of the densest parts of the city. This decision responds to the needs of the growing communities surrounding Moore Park.

The Discussion Paper released by the NSW Government outlines the decision to transform an area of Moore Park into public open space while retaining the 9-hole golf course, driving range, and clubhouse.

The site has the potential to improve the living environment and the connection between the Zetland/Waterloo communities and the proposed park. It is also a response to the ongoing housing crisis in NSW.

I am an architect, and I took personal time to develop this project. This is not a commercial endeavor, and I don't have any relation or connection with the landowner. It is purely to showcase the potential of this beautiful site.

THE FUTURE OF MOORE PARK SOUTH – EARLY ENGAGEMENT

Name: Name withheld

Date received: 31 March 2024

I have lived in Sydney for over 50 years, I am a golfer but not a member of Moore Park. I have lived close to Moore Park in Sydney's East for decades. I never participated in a public survey such as this but I feel compelled to do so.

I understand the housing crisis and the need to build more housing for our growing population and supporting open spaces. My concern is once the golf course is lost it cannot be returned, the decisions today being made by the Governments at State and Local level will have lasting implications for generations. Long after the names of the Premier and Lord Mayor will be forgotten. I feel this is just poor policy which is short sighted with lasting implications and some of the rhetoric I have heard in the media by the decision makers has been particularly divisive.

Moore Park is a truly public golf course, it is not a private course. Anyone can play there, it is a course for all parts of society, this is rare with all of the surrounding clubs from The Australian, The Lakes and Royal Sydney Golf Club etc all private with long wait lists and joining fees. It is not elite and when you see the players there and talk to them you will see that. The Rolls Royce Clover Moore mentioned in the news no doubt was someone visiting the golf range which again is the only range in Sydney's Eastern Suburbs which including myself use although I am a member of another club. You will see many parents and their children using the course, it is the type of course where children learn to play. As you know there is intense demand to play at the course as one of the busiest in Australia. In terms of fitness an average round will involve over 10 000 steps, it is a form of exercise which is something we all need to do as much as possible.

In terms of nearby alternative open spaces Moore Park golf club is 1.5 kms from Centennial Park which is a fantastic spot for running, cycling, playgrounds, lakes which I use very regularly. I also jog regularly down Anzac Parade past the end of Moore Park near Sydney High School, what surprises me is that you will rarely see more than half a dozen people using that large open space. If there was such a need for space why is this park so empty all of the time? You may be creating more open space that is already available today which is not being utilised. The hill and park next to Moore Park Golf Club (Mt Steele) is the same, rarely more than a few people. I would ask what research has been done to indicate the need for this additional space given presently available areas adjacent to Moore Park not being used today?

As a comparison in London there is the Richmond Golf Club is a public 18 hole course, the busiest in Europe, the only decent public course in a city with few courses available to the public. it is in West London 25mins from Westminster, as a city of 9million people they have kept that course for the general public to play. They have far greater challenges with housing

there than we do here and the UK Government has never questioned its viability. Like Moore Park it sits alongside another great park in this case Richmond Park instead of Centennial Park. Please look to that as an example of why such a course for all citizens has been preserved.

With the benefits of having an 18 hole course that is hugely popular to the general public alongside very viable existing open spaces I do not see that this decision to reduce the course makes any sense. It is not about elitism this is about common sense policy. Please keep the course as is and as our Government elected for this term do not make the wrong decision that will never be undone for the residents of the future. Housing and planning is a strategic problem needing visionary thinking not short term election winning ideas.

THE FUTURE OF MOORE PARK SOUTH – EARLY ENGAGEMENT

Name: Name withheld

Date received: 9 April 2024

I consider that the proposal to reduce m Moore Park Golf Course is a significant failure and a detraction to the amenities of the inner city, and the city of Sydney as a whole. It is disappointing, disheartening and frustrating. It is another short sighted and poorly attempted execution at something that has been done poorly and in the same manner for a significant amount of time.

The proposal ignores existing green space

The proposal to convert part of Moore Park Golf Course into public parkland must be evaluated within the broader context of Sydney's extensive green space network, which includes the Royal Botanic Gardens, Sydney Park, and the Centennial Parklands. Sydney is renowned for its abundant and accessible open spaces, from the expansive Sydney Park in the inner city to the historic and biodiverse Royal Botanic Gardens adjacent to the CBD. These areas, along with Centennial Parklands, of which Moore Park is a part, collectively offer a vast array of recreational and ecological benefits to the city's residents and visitors.

Moore Park Golf Course itself is a historic and valuable green space that contributes to Sydney's urban ecology and recreational diversity. It is an established green asset that complements nearby spaces like the Botanic Gardens, which serve as important sanctuaries for native flora and fauna and recreational hubs for the community. The golf course not only offers recreational opportunities but also plays a crucial role in the urban ecosystem, supporting local wildlife and contributing to the city's green canopy.

The proximity of Moore Park Golf Course to other significant green spaces like Centennial Park and the Botanic Gardens enhances its value as a part of Sydney's interconnected network of open spaces. This network is vital for maintaining the city's ecological balance, offering a respite from urban density, and providing diverse recreational opportunities. The full preservation of Moore Park Golf Course would ensure that Sydney retains its unique character as a city that harmonizes urban living with extensive and varied green spaces. It's essential to consider the collective importance of these areas in maintaining Sydney's reputation as a city that prioritizes green space, biodiversity, and public access to quality recreational areas. Therefore, a decision to reduce the golf course's size should carefully balance the need for more open public space with the existing abundance and significance of Sydney's green infrastructure.

The proposal ignores existing green space

Additionally, the proposal to repurpose Moore Park Golf Course seems to overlook Sydney's extensive coastal amenities, including its beaches and the foreshore areas around Sydney Harbour. These coastal spaces are iconic elements of the city's landscape and provide vast, open recreational areas for both residents and tourists. Sydney's coastline and harbour foreshore are integral to the city's identity, offering a range of activities from swimming and sunbathing to walking and picnicking in areas with spectacular views. These spaces contribute significantly to the city's outdoor lifestyle and are easily accessible, offering natural beauty and recreational variety that complement urban green spaces like parks and golf courses. Ignoring these coastal assets in the urban planning context risks underestimating the already available outdoor and recreational resources, and may lead to

unnecessary duplication of green space at the expense of unique urban facilities like Moore Park Golf Course.

The existing green space is significantly underutilised

The underutilization of existing green spaces in Sydney, particularly during weekdays, highlights a significant inefficiency in the management and planning of urban open areas. While weekends and public holidays see a spike in visitor numbers, even during these peak times, spaces like Moore Park and Centennial Park and surrounding parklands do not reach their full capacity.

This pattern suggests that there is ample green space available to meet current recreational needs, and that these areas are not being used to their full potential.

This underutilization calls into question the necessity of converting parts of Moore Park Golf Course into additional public parkland, especially when the existing green spaces are not consistently operating at or near capacity. The evidence of low usage during weekdays, coupled with the fact that even peak times do not result in overcrowding, underscores the argument that Sydney's current green spaces are sufficient to meet the city's recreational demands, including those additional demands in the coming years.

Fear mongering about a need for the future

The assertion of a desperate need for more public parkland due to an anticipated population increase of 100,000 people around Moore Park Golf Course may be perceived as an exaggeration or fearmongering, especially when considered in the broader context. This predicted growth represents a roughly 14.5% increase over nearly two decades, from the current population of approximately 690,000.

When broken down annually, this equates to an average yearly population growth rate of less than 1%, specifically around 0.76%. Such a gradual increase does not necessarily signify an immediate or overwhelming strain on existing green spaces that would justify the repurposing of established recreational areas like Moore Park Golf Course.

This perspective suggests that the current and projected utilization of green spaces should be carefully evaluated against the slow rate of population growth to avoid premature decisions on land use changes.

Further, referring back to the under utilisation of the existing green space, it could more than accommodate an additional 15% even on the busiest days / times. When the 'quieter times' are considered, such as during the week, the parklands could be utilised by a least 10x (1,000%) as many people (that is how underutilised the existing green space is during off-peak periods).

Creative options

Given the slow rate of population growth and the current underutilization of existing parklands, it is arguable that Sydney does not need more parkland per se, but rather a more creative enhancement of its existing green spaces.

Rather than converting parts of the well-maintained and picturesque Moore Park Golf Course into additional parkland, focus could be shifted towards augmenting the existing facilities within and around the area's parklands. Adding more tennis courts, BBQ areas, and other recreational amenities can significantly improve the utility and enjoyment of these spaces.

Moreover, an innovative solution like establishing a protected walkway through or around the golf course could allow for running, walking, and biking, enabling more people to enjoy the beauty of the golf course without disrupting its primary function. Such a path would provide scenic views and a safe route through the manicured landscapes, ensuring that the space serves multiple recreational purposes while maintaining its aesthetic and functional integrity.

Lack of actual utility

The proposal to convert part of Moore Park Golf Course into additional parkland will result in negligible gains in terms of utility, as the percentage of people who would use the new parklands — but wouldn't have utilized them if the golf course remained or don't already use the existing parklands — is likely to be minimal.

Given the extensive network of parklands already available in Sydney, including the nearby Centennial Park, those inclined to use public green spaces are already doing so. Therefore, the actual increase in parkland usership resulting from this conversion would be disproportionately small compared to the investment and loss of golfing amenities.

This is further evidence of that lack of net benefit in terms of new parkland utilization that the proposal to reduce the Moore Park Golf course has not been well thought through, especially when considering the current and projected capacity of existing green spaces to accommodate the recreational needs of Sydney's population.

Anecdotally

On average I:

1. I play golf once a month;
2. I utilise parklands and green spaces about once a month (for picnics etc);
3. I go to the beach and / or swim in the harbour on average almost weekly; and
4. I run several times a week.

I recently have been too busy to golf at all, or to take up tennis.

I am someone who actively engages in nearly all the possible amenities that are available. I love green open space. I clearly use all the space far more than I do for golf, and still, I considered that the proposal to reduce Moore Park Golf Course is an absolute travesty. I have played on reduced golf courses, such as Cammeray that was recently reduced from a 'normal' 9 hole golf course to a 'short' 9 hole golf course. It was a fond memory. It is not a course that I will quickly return to.

If it is really about community engagement and accessing / utilising green space more, then more creative and collaborative approaches should be taken. Such as:

1. increasing facilities on and around the golf course;
2. encouraging a wider diversity of people and ages, such as with night time pitch and putt, and/or miniature golf;
3. including golf simulators / bar and function centre; and
4. creating a 'covered' / 'protected' walkway around / through the golf course, which would enhance its usability, while retaining its existing functions.

Conclusion

The proposal to repurpose part of Moore Park Golf Course into additional parkland appears to lack nuanced planning and creativity, and seems to be driven more by populist sentiment than by a thorough assessment of actual community needs and environmental considerations.

The decision-making process risks being influenced by those not directly impacted by the changes, potentially overlooking the preferences and interests of those who regularly use and value the golf course.

Further, the approach does not fully account for the existing underutilization of nearby parklands or explore innovative ways to enhance the current green spaces. Consequently, the plan might not represent the most effective or desired use of this urban green space, raising concerns about the

prioritization of popular opinion over practical, sustainable urban planning and the long-term interests of the local community.

I am of course available to discuss my submission further. I would even be willing to pull together a consortium of people and businesses for a proposal which could provide a significantly better, future focused proposal, including, but not limited to high level design, finance and construction that would address the proposed alternatives, and ultimately cost little to nothing for the government (at any level) and / or provide a source of revenue.

THE FUTURE OF MOORE PARK SOUTH – EARLY ENGAGEMENT

Name: Name withheld

Date received: 9 April 2024

I am writing to express my views as a resident of South Dowling Street, Redfern, and a member of Moore Park Golf Club regarding the future development of Moore Park South. I believe that this unique opportunity to reimagine the space holds immense potential for enhancing the local community's well-being and accommodating the needs of a growing population.

Please keep this feedback confidential / anonymous.

The vastness of Moore Park South presents an unparalleled chance to create a multifaceted space that caters to diverse interests while retaining its sporting and golfing attributes. After engaging in thoughtful discussions with fellow residents, I would like to propose specific ideas for consideration (see example photos at the end of the email).

1. Upgraded Golf Range: The existing golf range, while popular, is due for an upgrade. Modernising it with cutting-edge technology, individual screens, and possibly incorporating a 'Top Golf' experience with seating, food/drinks, sporting screens etc. on one or two floors could transform it into a hub of entertainment for a broad audience. Additionally, expanding the range by a few levels could help alleviate the long lines currently experienced.

2. Short Par 3 Golf Course: Introducing a short course of par 3's, akin to 'Shortees' on Sydney's Northern Beaches, would offer a quick and exciting golf experience. The option for night golf, along with the inclusion of food trucks and beverage tents, could enhance the overall appeal of this facility.

3. Mini Putt Course: Sydney currently lacks outdoor mini putt courses. Creating an engaging course, potentially under lights for night time play, would attract a wide range of people. Incorporating food and drink options would further contribute to creating a vibrant atmosphere.

4. Padel and Pickleball Courts: These fast-growing sports appeal to a broad audience and could be a valuable addition. Designing a dedicated zone with courts, benches, plants, water fountains, and outdoor table tennis tables would create a dynamic area catering to various interests.

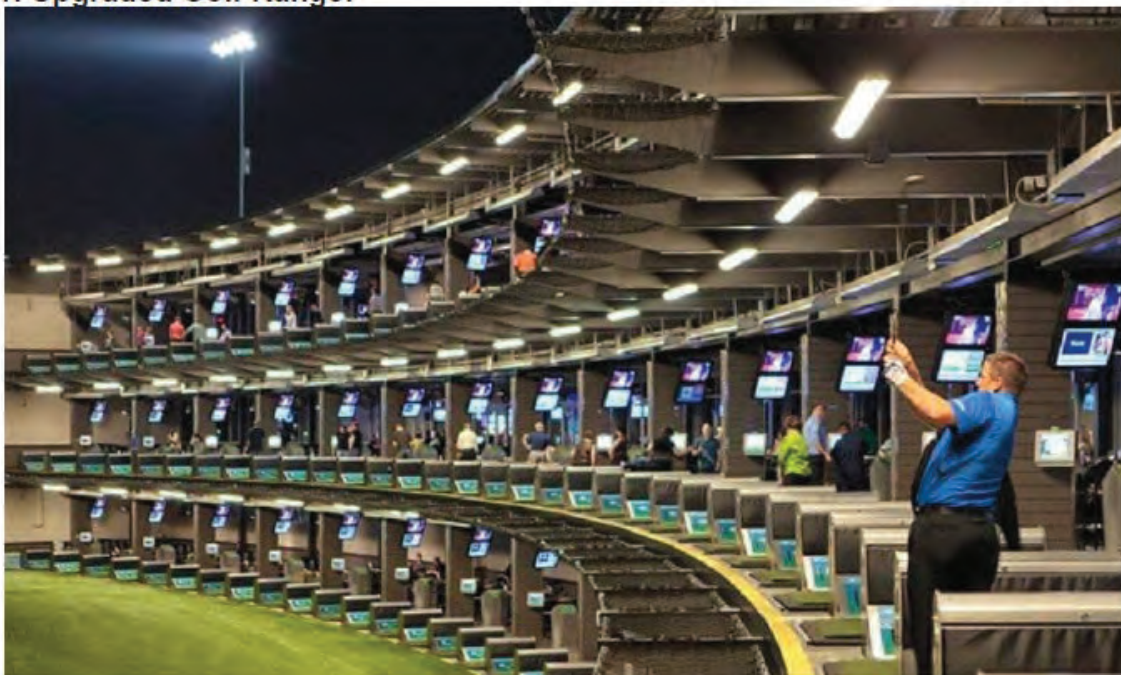
5. Additional Recreational Facilities:

- Amphitheatre for small shows, comedy acts, etc
- Running tracks with signposts for various kilometres
- Swimming pool
- Lake

- Basketball courts
- Garden area
- Café similar to Centennial Park
- Dog area
- Kids playgrounds
- Boat house café on a pond
- Water park

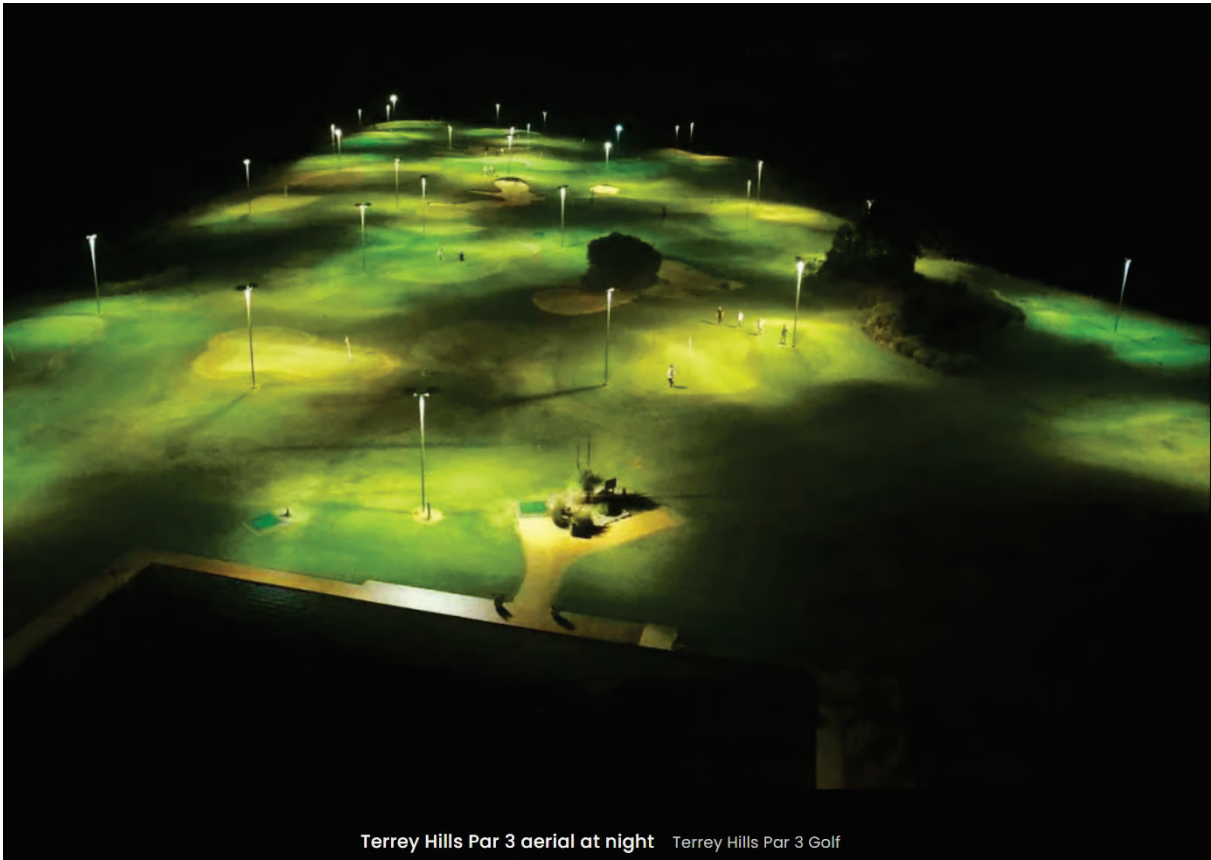
I believe that implementing these suggestions would not only enhance the recreational and sporting offerings but also contribute to the social and cultural vibrancy of the community. Moore Park South has the potential to become a flagship destination for residents and visitors alike. I appreciate your time and consideration of these ideas. I look forward to witnessing the positive transformation of Moore Park South for the benefit of our community.

1. Upgraded Golf Range:





2. Short Par 3 Golf Course:



Terrey Hills Par 3 aerial at night Terrey Hills Par 3 Golf

3. Mini Putt Course:



4. Padel and Pickleball Courts:



5. Additional Recreational Facilities:



Amphitheatre



A cafe on a lake



Kids waterpark



Running tracks



Outdoor gym

THE FUTURE OF MOORE PARK SOUTH – EARLY ENGAGEMENT

Name: Name withheld

Date received: 8 April 2024

I was thinking about my favourite park experiences and I have many memories from my time in Scotland where it was very clear on what season you were in based on what was flowering etc. We would go to Princes St Gardens Edinburgh and see the daffodils coming up or there being no leaves etc. Anyway, I wondered whether thought might go into having plants that mark different Australian seasons - so perhaps people would grow to think of the wattles out so it must be September etc.

THE FUTURE OF MOORE PARK SOUTH – EARLY ENGAGEMENT

Name: Brenton

Date received: 7 April 2024

Keep Moore Park 18 holes plus a driving range. There is plenty of parkland. Get rid of wasted bicycle lanes.

THE FUTURE OF MOORE PARK SOUTH – EARLY ENGAGEMENT

Name: Bridget

Date received: 6 March 2024

I have read the submission papers but it fails to answer the following questions:

1. Where do you expect people who want to play a proper 18 hole golf course to better their game play? All the private clubs are out of most peoples price range.
2. Why is the need to build a large public space right next to Centennial Park necessary? Surely if people want open space they can cross the one extra road. When you look at your map you are basically just expanding Centennial Park. If this area is for Zetland, Redfern etc it should be on the other side of South Dowling Street.
3. What other areas were considered? Were other sporting grounds considered to be changed from providing sporting area to parklands?
4. Why was no green space provided for closer to where all the high density apartment were built??

I strongly urge you to reconsider this. You are taking a major sporting facility away from all – Moore Park Golf is one of the few golf courses that is accessible financially and locationally to a lot of people. I'm sure you have researched how busy this course is 7 days a week, all year round.

I would appreciate a response on the above questions.

THE FUTURE OF MOORE PARK SOUTH – EARLY ENGAGEMENT

Name: Calibre Disc Golf

Date received: 14 March 2024

I am writing to respectfully advocate for the establishment of a disc golf course at Moore Park South, a proposal that carries significant potential benefits for the community and aligns with the overarching goals of urban development and public engagement.

Allow me to present several cogent arguments in favor of this initiative:

Maximizing Utilization of Public Spaces: Moore Park South currently grapples with the challenge of underutilization. By repurposing this area into a disc golf course, we can effectively optimize the use of public space, ensuring its active contribution to the community's well-being and recreational needs.

Inclusivity and Accessibility: Disc golf is distinguished by its accessibility, appealing to individuals across diverse demographics, including age, physical ability, and socioeconomic status. Establishing a disc golf course at Moore Park South would foster inclusivity and provide an accessible avenue for recreational engagement for all members of the community.

Environmental Stewardship: A meticulously designed disc golf course can be harmoniously integrated with the natural landscape, prioritizing environmental sustainability and the preservation of ecological integrity. Such an undertaking underscores our commitment to responsible stewardship of our precious green spaces.

Economic Advantages: The implementation of a disc golf course has the potential to stimulate economic activity within the vicinity. By attracting visitors and enthusiasts, the course can serve as a catalyst for local businesses, bolstering economic growth and vitality in the area.

Community Cohesion: Disc golf inherently promotes social interaction and community cohesion. Through organized events, leagues, and volunteer initiatives, the establishment of a disc golf course at Moore Park South would foster a sense of belonging and civic pride among residents.

Public Health and Well-being: In an era marked by sedentary lifestyles and escalating health concerns, the provision of accessible recreational opportunities assumes paramount importance. A disc golf course encourages physical activity and outdoor engagement, thereby promoting holistic well-being and healthier lifestyles among citizens.

Adaptive Urban Planning: The proposal to repurpose Moore Park South into a disc golf

course epitomizes adaptive urban planning principles, epitomizing our commitment to responsive development and the adaptive reuse of urban spaces to meet evolving community needs.

In summation, the establishment of a disc golf course at Moore Park South epitomizes a judicious investment in the enhancement of community vitality and well-being. By embracing this proposal, we reaffirm our dedication to fostering sustainable urban environments and promoting the collective welfare of our constituents.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this proposal. I remain at your disposal to provide further elucidation or address any queries you may have on this matter.