

THE FUTURE OF MOORE PARK SOUTH – EARLY ENGAGEMENT

Name: Mark Williams

Date received: 9 April 2024

I think the golf course should be left as is, it is a premier public golf course available to everyone to play. There are limited public golf courses in the area and I regularly use the 18 holes. I believe there is ample green space in the area with Centennial Park and the surrounding parklands. These appear to be rarely used outside of weekend sport, I drive through these parklands regularly during the week.

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Name: Steve Williams

Date received: 28 March 2024

I have been playing golf at Moore Park for several decades, both as a visitor and a member of the Club.

I object to and am opposed to, any change of use of the spaces in the area. There is plenty of parkland available in the adjacent Centennial Park and other areas of public recreational use for activities beside golf. Indeed, golf is (correctly) banned there. And, of course, the Moore Park Golf Course is not private...it's a public space.

To reiterate, I am opposed to any change to the current use of the Moore Park South area. And I vote.

**Submission
No. 303**

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Name: BJ Willo

Date received: 14 March 2024

LEAVE MOORE PARK ALONE

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Name: Robert Wilson

Date received: 26 March 2024

I have enclosed my submission on your proposal for the development of a park and nine hole golf course on the existing Moore Park Golf Course. My comments are made in interests of the public and to see that the proposed parkland is an effective and appropriate asset for the community.

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The suggestion to establish areas for nocturnal fauna habitat is also important and creates some connectivity to the existing wildlife corridors within the greater Centennial Parklands and with some clever design could be integrated into the Moore Park golf course. Such a design is visually attractive, provides shaded areas, and has a cooling effect on the landscape. With the park's proximity to three major roads, tree canopies will filter airborne particulate matter emanating from these roadways.

I believe that there will be a need for a café in some form to service users and cyclists from the nearby cycle path, and it will be essential in attracting users. The nature of the site will not support a restaurant, because of the lack of parking. There is a perfectly good restaurant in the Parklands proper.

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I have had considerable experience as a government official and a community representative in public consultation processes. Pop-ups are useful and fashionable but government officials working with groups of consumers/community representatives yield much better outcomes if carried out alongside pop-ups. It avoids unnecessary confrontation later in the development process as the community then feels included in the outcome. If there are no opportunities for users to discuss issues amongst themselves and with officials, then they will form their own meetings which will be less informed than with officials present. I believe your consultation process needs to be upgraded as it will add to the design of the proposed park.

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[contact details withheld]

Former Secretary of Lands and Registrar General, Chief Commissioner of Water Resources, and Managing Director of the Water Board.

Former Trustee Centennial Park Trust

Former Trustee Royal Botanic Gardens

Former member of many government urban planning bodies

Former Chair of Randwick Hospital Precinct Development Consumer and Community Advisory Committee

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Name: Adrienne Witteman

Date received: 10 March 2024

I am angry and confused about why Moore Park should be cut from 18 holes to 9 holes:

- The decisions are being made by people who have no actual understanding of the golf course and appear not to have properly researched who is actually using the course
- They appear biased – Clover Moore’s idiotic statement about there being a “Roller in the carpark and they can go elsewhere and join a club” was condescending and spoke volumes about her desire for political gain, not representing the interests of the whole of the inner city
- Moore Park serves people from all over Sydney, the majority of whom cannot afford or cannot access other golf clubs
- It is a nursery for golf – so many kids and teenagers go there to learn to play and enjoy a sport that not only teaches skill but also respect, manners and honesty. (Clover could benefit from a learn to play stint).
- There is a huge park adjacent – it is called Centennial Park and nearby on the other side is Sydney Park at Newtown
- People are able to walk there now – what is wrong with continuing the status quo?

I am totally averse to the proposed changes. And lest you think otherwise, I have voted in support of the changes at Lane Cove to incorporate a new sports centre that will widen the breadth of activities available within the Lane Cove Golf Club precinct.

**Submission
No. 306**

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Name: S Woodley

Date received: 9 April 2024

Moore Park Golf course an asset to a growing city. Within the same precinct you have Centennial Park and free space along Anzac Parade. The Australian and New South Wales golf course are too costly for most to use. Moore Park provides a sport enjoy...

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Name: Magnus Work

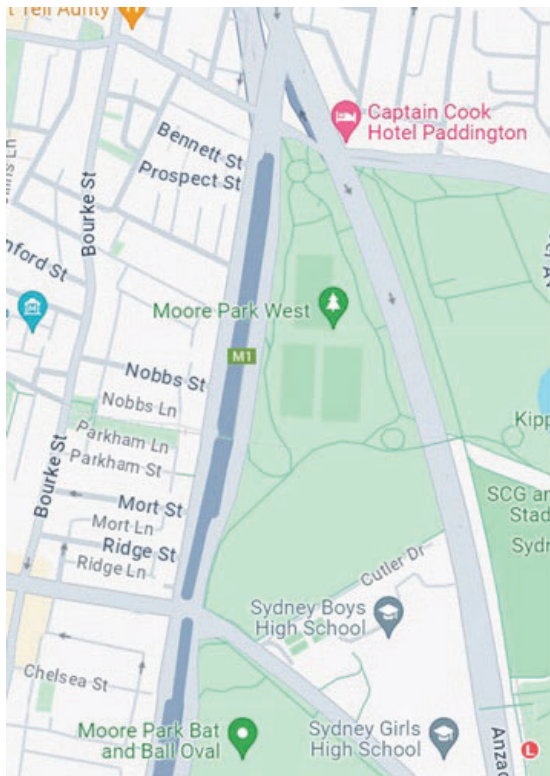
Date received: 5 March 2024

I am unashamingly disappointed in this land grab by the Council.

The only public 18 hole golf in Sydney that offers plenty of facilities in the heart of the city must be maintained.

My key concerns:

1. Why is the Council not looking at the unused space across the road where Sydney High is located at Moore Park West



2. Where is the funding for this project and why would the Council disrupt the existing use

3. How do we stop the Council from trying to use the land for housing. This sounds like the Nazi Lebensraum approach for more land for the people. There is already enough land space

4. Centennial Park is already in the vicinity, together with the Moore Park oval where grass skiing on the hill use to be. MP West hardly gets used, so I don't understand the reasons
5. Why does the NSW Government not look at the private crown land all the way down the coast on the other golf course
6. What about the Australian Golf course- why not carve up that private land. How many members can get access to that golf course compared to public course
7. Why not repurpose ES Marks, how often are there meets held in this venue or what about Fearnley Gardens
8. Where is the equal balance in looking at keeping the golf course. This survey is disgraceful, unbalanced and does not defend the current use of the space
9. Why does it matter what Bob Carr thinks of the space? He doesn't live there

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Name: Karly Wormworth

Date received: 8 April 2024

Tragedy to get rid of part of the golf course for the sake of the city not allowing for proper planning when Waterloo/zetland was being developed. Please do not take away something for the public, that's is very highly utilized, so busy already and at capacity. By taking holes away, it is creating a more elitist sport, harder to access.

The golf course is already surrounded by parkland, there is plenty of unused public open space in very close proximity. It has been there 100 years and should stay, not be sacrificed because of improper planning and development.

Please do not take away the golf course!

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Name: Jeremy Wright

Date received: 13 March 2024

I respectfully advocate to KEEP Moore Park Golf Course as it is.

The Plans which I have read illustrate that the golf course was developed from a keen and growing public demand. And I believe this is one of the best used Golf Courses in Australia and is increasing in the demand for golf use.

And it sits aside a vast green area already, being Centennial Park, Moore Park and Queens Park. So there are already ample facilities for outdoor recreation of the sort that is proposed by reducing the Golf Course.

The Golf Course is well established and having been in use for over 100 years, has developed a terrific loyalty.

It is doubtful that there will be more people using the extra facilities, than those who currently utilise the Golf Course.

And it is unique in being an 18-hole Golf course so close to the city.

For all these reasons, the Golf Course should not be altered.

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Name: Serra Yerlikaya

Date received: 27 March 2024

My name is Serra Yerlikaya and as a local living in Kensington, I write to you today lacking support for the Moore Park proposed developments.

My concerns are as follows:

1. Inadequate amounts of public transport to access the grounds
2. Pre-existing outdoor areas literally provided across the road from the proposed area
3. Golf opportunities being too expensive elsewhere and thus inaccessible to the local community
4. Money is better off put into our hospitals and public schools

Firstly, I would like to air my concerns surrounding the overloaded public transport system in our area. University students clog our public transport systems, which is fine, however, as a local it makes it increasingly difficult to go anywhere on public transport. I am also a UNSW student, so I can understand why the buses and trams are so full. I would usually be okay with walking around the corner and up the hill. However, for the last 2 months I have been carrying a knee injury. I attempted to take the bus to uni, to no avail as every single bus was overflowing with students. This went on for MONTHS. I eventually have recovered from my injury, but I cannot imagine how a wheelchair user, parents with prams, the elderly and other people who are unable to walk long distances would feel not being able to take a bus anywhere in the area, let alone around the corner and up the hill. It's unjust to people who work in places like Coogee, Randwick, Maroubra and Matraville, Redfern, Glebe, etc. because they can't get to work. Which asks the question - with the limited parking as addressed in the discussion paper, how on Earth are people supposed to get to this new development?!

Secondly, all of the facilities listed that the Government is interested in developing are literally across the road in Centennial Park!! Why don't you put the money into improving them? During the week Centennial Park is essentially a ghost town so the new Moore Park development would be a waste. Additionally, the Golf Course there exists as another option to the park across the road. **ACROSS THE ROAD!!**

My Dad loves his golf at Moore Park. He loves Moore Park Golf as it is LOCAL and an AFFORDABLE OPTION for what you get (18 holes!). It is incredibly un-Australian to discourage sporting opportunities. Making them inaccessible is WRONG!

I would like to see more money being put into our hospitals and schools than a development that is irrelevant to the community. I am TIRED of hearing about people not being able to access basic healthcare within a proper time frame. I am OVER our nurses being burnt out

and exhausted. I am SICK of our public schools receiving no funding compared to private/Catholic schools. I AM TIRED OF BURNT OUT TEACHERS! I went to Randwick Girls and we couldn't access part of our school at times because of Asbestos. We couldn't use our bathrooms at times because the sewers would overload at least weekly. How about giving your citizens a safe environment first.

I am an infuriated local and this stupid development that already exists across the road is pointless! I pray that you consider my email with the utmost importance. Pull yourselves together because it is truly embarrassing how your priorities are out of whack. There is a reason why 39% of young people voted for the Greens last election! Because they're more willing to consider the needs of people rather than a park!

I await your response. Something needs to be done about the above concerns and that something does not involve building a park.

THE FUTURE OF MOORE PARK SOUTH – EARLY ENGAGEMENT

Name: Jared Young

Date received: 28 February 2024

I am writing to express my support for keeping Moore Park Golf Course an 18 hole course with no changes.

As a 51-year-old male, I have found that the club provides me with a sense of acceptance and community connection that has become an essential part of my life.

I play at the club regularly. Playing golf at Moore Park has become more than just a game. It has also provided me with valuable social connections with other members.

Furthermore, my family has a history of being members at this club, which allows me to spend quality time with senior members of my family in a rich social and sporting environment.

I believe that Moore Park Golf Club is a valuable asset to the community, and I urge you to leave it as an 18 hole golf course.

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Name: Andrew Yuen

Date received: 4 March 2024

I believe the proposed changes to the existing Moore Park Golf course will have a detrimental effect on the mental health of the local community.

I am a beginner golfer and a working class person along with my friends. Moore Park golf course has been instrumental to helping me cope with stress of daily cost of living and life now and during the pandemic.

Moore Park golf course is very accessible for all people, women, young and old, it is close in proximity to the area, its an important public golf course thats full 18 holes and less expensive than most other public golf courses.

Reducing this 18 hole public golf course will cause much mental issues to our community. There are many parklands around the golf course that are currently under utilised. We can aim for a win win by promoting these under used parklands and maintain the 18 hole public golf course.

There is much skepticism on the real agendas of NSW Government and continuing this proposal will only cause more distrust.

I hope you take mental health seriously and reconsider the proposal.

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Name: Laurie Zancanaro

Date received: 8 April 2024

What a disgrace to even to consier such a proposal.

The City Council has a lot to answer to allow development in the precident with no consideration on developers to provide free space in their development. Yet a if a house is to be built or alteraions are made a portion of the land mass must be set aside as free space.

Also to the north and east of the golf course there is park land which is hardly used by local residence except on weekend for sports. One does not see many residence use north and east sides.

What about the heritage of the golf course and its use by overseas visitors and famous ones at that what a great publicity for sydney tourism and the senseless waste of money to convert for a very small use by residence.

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Name: Sam Zweig

Date received: 27 March 2024

I have been a long time golfer at the Moore Park golf club. I have admired the careful maintenance that makes this course so attractive. I cannot afford to belong or play at some of the other local courses and Moore Park is ideal for me and my friends. The Course is busy with members, visitors (including overseas visitors), children and should be kept as it is without decimating it. While understanding the need for recreational space for residents on the western side of South Dowling Street, it is no further for these people than it is for me in Bondi to reach the beautiful Centennial Park where there are many acres of open shaded space and facilities. Parking is plentiful and the amenities are great. There is no chance of overcrowding.

Please leave Moore Park Golf Course alone!!