

MOORE PARK SOUTH – DRAFT ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

Name: City of Sydney

Date received: 19 November 2025

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the draft Moore Park South Establishment Plan. The City of Sydney appreciates the briefing provided to Councillors on 3 November, as well as the invitation and attendance of City staff to a workshop on 12 November 2025.

We strongly support the proposal to establish a high-quality 20-hectare park alongside a reconfigured 9-hole golf course.

The City has long advocated for this parkland and the reconfiguration will achieve the highest and best use of this public land.

The draft Establishment Plan aligns with the City's strategic directions and represents a timely and warranted response to increased population growth and density particularly in areas west of Moore Park including Zetland, Redfern and Waterloo. It also responds to evolving recreation trends, and community expectations.

Parkland conversion location

The City supports the allocation of parkland on the western side of the golf course (north of Dacey Avenue), bounded by the Eastern Distributor and the suburb of Redfern.

Staged masterplan

The City supports a staged masterplan approach that evolves over time in response to community needs and feedback.

The proposed range of uses and facilities are supported and provides an appropriate response to current and evolving recreational needs for a broad and diverse demographic.

Early activation of the new park should prioritise removing as much fencing as possible and the delivery of the pathway network, with lighting on main paths to support walking, running, and recreational cycling. A perimeter loop will enhance connectivity to Centennial Park and, when combined with strategically located well designed and inclusive exercise stations, has the potential to become well renown fitness circuit for Sydney.

A large district-level playground will serve as a key attractor and focal point for activity within the park. Facilities designed young people including the pump track, multi-purpose courts, and a community sports field will ensure the park appeals to a broad demographic and supports diverse recreational need.

The inclusion of support amenities such as seating, BBQs, picnic areas, toilets, water bubblers and shelters is essential to creating inclusive and welcoming spaces. These facilities will encourage longer stays, support social gatherings, and foster community interaction.

Golf facilities

The reconfigured 9-hole golf course, with appropriate buffers to adjoining parkland, offers a practical solution to safely managing the interface between golf activities and community parkland use.

The proposed 18-hole short-form (mini golf) and expansion of the driving range to 90 bays reflect current trends in casual and informal golf participation. These changes will broaden the appeal of golf to a wider audience, including children.

Biodiversity

The City welcomes the proposed increased canopy cover, the establishment of ecological zones, and enhancement of habitat. These initiatives will strengthen the park's identity and landscape character and improve resilience to climate impacts.

The City requests further collaboration with the Greater Sydney Parklands Agency on urban canopy expansion, biodiversity, and habitat management to achieve a co-ordinated response to strengthening habitat corridors across our area and beyond. It is particularly important to plant more mature trees in appropriate locations to compensate for any losses including in Dacey Avenue.

Access and connectivity

Improved access and connectivity from surrounding neighbourhoods is critical to the success of the new parkland. Currently pedestrian access is inadequate, with major intersections failing to prioritise walking and cycling.

A new active transport bridge is needed near the southwest corner of Moore Park and other access options from Green Square via Dacey Avenue and South Dowling Street, as well as reviewing the capacity of existing bridges at Moore Park Gardens and Charles Street that link the park to Redfern and Surry Hills.

Integration with the regional cycle network including a new uni-directional regional bike route along Dacey Avenue where riders travel in the same direction as traffic is essential to support active transport and broaden the park's catchment.

Parking

Active transport should be prioritised over private vehicle access in the design of Moore Park South. It is the City's strong preference that no additional parking is provided as part of the reconfiguration given that Venues NSW is constructing a car park up to 1500 spaces in Moore Park, with completion expected next year. The nearby Supa Centa 3 could also service parking requirements for families using the community sports field near Dacey Avenue.

If parking must be provided it should focus on essential access needs for people with disabilities and parents with prams. This approach will help minimise the overall footprint of car parking infrastructure, preserving more space for parkland and recreation.

Implementation and funding

The City acknowledges the \$50 million funding commitment by the NSW Government to establish the 20Ha park and reconfigured golf course at Moore Park South over the next 3 years. However, it is essential that sufficient ongoing funding is allocated to support the long term maintenance of the new park and its associated facilities and to be able to respond to community feedback to realise the park's full potential.

Moore Park South represents a major opportunity to deliver a significant parkland for Sydney's growing urban population. The City looks forward to continuing its collaboration with the Greater Sydney Parklands Agency to progress its successful delivery of the parkland and helping ensure it is activated and well used by the community after the current golf course operating agreement expires in mid-2026.

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Name: Randwick City Council

Date received: 10 December 2025

Thank you for the opportunity for Randwick City Council (RCC) to provide feedback on the Moore Park South Establishment Plan (MPSEP) proposal to repurpose 20 hectares of Moore Park Golf Course to a new recreational park.

1.0 Introduction

The proposal has the potential to open Moore Park to a broader range and number of users in the community, to improve public access throughout this part of the city, and to expand the range of recreational pursuits available, providing parkland that is more tailored to the communities open space and recreational needs. The proposal represents a unique opportunity to create open space and recreation in a high-density inner-city location. The overarching principles of the proposed new park should be to complement the recreational amenity provided by Moore Park North, Centennial Park and Queen's Park, improve active transport connectivity between residential areas and recreational green spaces, and to provide new recreational opportunities for the residents of Kensington, Victoria Park, Waterloo and Redfern.

Council raises concerns regarding the configuration of the park, including the splitting of the golf course holes across Dacey Avenue and interweaving the golf course with the new park, pedestrian/bicycle access from Kensington, Raleigh Park residents' privacy, preserving heritage and fauna habitats, preserving existing trees and vegetation, and the potential for contaminated land.

Council's Strategic Planning officers have reviewed the MPSEP and attended the discussions at the Stakeholder Workshop held on 12 November 2025. Specifically, Council raises the following concerns regarding the Establishment Plan presented at the workshop:

- A holistic approach has yet to be taken to consider the new park in the context of the surrounding parklands - Moore Park North, Centennial Park, Queens Park, and Royal Randwick Racecourse. This is particularly relevant regarding the provision of sports fields, the broader cycle and pedestrian access network and for environmental, stormwater/drainage management.
- An overall pedestrian and cycle access diagram should be prepared that identifies the park entry/arrival points and makes clear the type of paths - shared, commuter cycleway, relaxed slow pedestrian access, and regional connections.
- The usefulness of a single soccer field is questioned, in the broader context of playing fields throughout the adjoining LGAs. Grouping of sports fields is generally the best strategy.
- The illustrative/concept plan lacks structure and legibility - it is very amorphous and would benefit from a more structured approach.
- The golf course should be consolidated rather than intertwined with the parkland to avoid conflicts in use and the need for extensive netting and fences.
- The current Moore Park Golf Course funds many sporting activities in the wider parklands. Clarity over how these sporting activities will be supported financially into the future should be considered as part of the planning proposal.
- Council reiterates its opposition to any night-time golf or park activity that would require flood lighting and impact the Raleigh Park residential apartments that overlook the golf course or fauna in the parklands.

2.0 The future of Moore Park South

Moore Park South forms part of a larger series of interconnected recreational parklands, refer Figure 1, including Moore Park North, Centennial Park, Queens Park and the Royal Randwick Racecourse. A holistic open space planning approach will be essential in planning the new park, with the many recreational pursuits that span from large stadium sports venues to informal walking tracks, being interwoven with mature green spaces, stands of trees, fauna habitat, and extensive waterway and drainage systems that extend across these interconnected open spaces.



Figure 1 - Interconnectivity of major open spaces, theoretical walking catchment

The system of interconnected green spaces is valued by the Randwick community and provides important recreational open space, contributing to a unique quality of life, and providing mental and physical health benefits for the residents of the suburb of Kensington, and the Kensington Town Centre.

The theoretical walking catchment (as the 'crow flies') from the proposed new park extends across the northwest corner of the Randwick LGA. The new recreational open space has the potential to be accessible from the suburb of Kensington and for the residents and workers of the Kensington Town Centre.

Configuration of the new park

The current proposal would split the golf holes across Dacey Avenue, requiring crossing over via the bridge, and would string out the holes, increasing the distance between some greens and the following tee. The outlook and visibility of most of the fairways and greens from the clubhouse would be significantly reduced. The proposed reconfiguration would introduce potential conflicts between recreational uses, with golf balls impacting upon adjoining passive park uses, and a requirement for large, visually intrusive, fences and nets to address the safety issue.

Establishment Plan

The NSW Government has committed \$50m to establish a high quality 20-hectare park and reconfigured minimum 9-hole golf course that will be delivered over the next 3 years.

The establishment plan focuses on delivering new sports and recreation facilities for the community.

The plan prioritises early activation of the new park with multi-purpose sports courts and a community sports field.

PARK

- 1 Amenities
- 2 Community sports field
- 3 Multi-purpose sports courts
- 4 Playground
- 5 Lighting to main paths
- 6 Walking, running, cycling paths and trails
- 7 Picnic areas and park furniture
- 8 Biodiversity enhancement works (tree, shrubs, grasses, planting)
- 9 Parking

GOLF

- 10 Reconfigured minimum 9-hole golf course
 - 11 18-hole short form (mini) golf course
 - 12 Expanded 90-bay driving range (30 additional bays)
- We are seeking feedback on priorities for park establishment. Key features could include:

- 13 Off-leash dog area
- 14 Outdoor fitness stations
- 15 Youth recreation facilities such as a pump track
- 16 Perimeter loop track
- 17 Spaces for passive recreation and being in nature



Figure 2 - The Moore Park South Establishment Plan

Demographics

The suburb and town centre of Kensington is projected to grow in population by 29% (5,090) between 2021 and 2041 - the largest projected population growth in the Randwick LGA (DPHI population projections for Kensington SA2 based on the 2021 ABS Census).

The demographic profile of Kensington is characterised by a higher proportion of young people aged 18 to 24 years. Over a third (34%) of Kensington residents are students studying at university, and two thirds (66%) live in high density dwellings. The proportion of children aged 0-14 years living within the suburb has also increased from 9.8% to 12.3% between 2016 and 2021. Kensington has a higher proportion of unemployed residents (11%), likely due to the high student population attending the UNSW. Over a quarter of households (26%) do not own a car, and a relatively high proportion of residents walk to work (10%), and cycle to work (2.8%).

Centennial Parklands including Centennial Park, Moore Park (incl. Entertainment Quarter) and Queens Park, has a combined area of approximately 360 hectares. The Parklands receive almost 31 million visits per year (Centennial Parklands website). Moore Park Golf Course is 45 hectares in area and between 60,000-90,000 rounds of golf are played each year, with the current 18-hole golf course accommodating up to 80 golfers, at any given time.

3.0 Open space and recreational planning

Council's submission to the MPSEP has been informed by the Randwick City Open Space and Recreation Needs Study (OSRNS 2020) which investigated open space and recreational needs across the Randwick LGA.

The Study involved extensive community engagement, including representative survey of residents to understand the attitudes, priorities and needs of the community. This work informed the preparation of the Randwick City Open Space and Recreation Strategy (RCC July 2021). The Study provides an important and comprehensive insight and understanding of open space and recreational needs of the Randwick City LGA, and specifically the Kensington area, located in proximity to the proposed park.

Consultation with the community identified the following needs:

- Increase tree canopy and shade cover to provide cooling and amenity, including in parks, playgrounds, along the coast and active transport routes
- Increase active transport links to support recreation, access and safety, including improved footpaths, streets and cycle paths
- Increase the amenity of existing open spaces, including upgrades and maintenance as well as provision of shade, seating, picnic tables, bubblers and toilets
- Upgrade and provide more diverse play spaces for a range of ages and abilities, including with shade, bubblers and toilets
- Continue to provide access to natural areas for connection to nature and preservation of biodiversity
- Provide and plan for recreation with dogs, including desire for upgrades to existing dog spaces, more fenced spaces and beach access
- Increase diversity and quantity of public outdoor recreation spaces, including outdoor gyms and outdoor courts.

Randwick City golf course supply/demand

There are five golf courses in the Randwick LGA (refer to Figure 3), catering for a range of player skill levels, and with public access ranging from exclusive private members clubs (where guests must be invited by a member) to clubs that have full public access. A summary of their location, ownership and zoning is provided in Table 1.

Name	Location	Ownership	Zone	
St Michaels Golf Club	La Perouse	Crown land	RE1	Public Recreation
New South Wales Golf Club	La Perouse	Crown land	RE1	Public Recreation
The Coast Golf and Recreational Club	Little Bay	Crown land	RE1	Public Recreation
Randwick Golf Club	Malabar	Crown land	RE1	Public Recreation
Australian Golf Club	Kensington	Privately owned	RE2	Private Recreation

Table 1 - Golf courses in the Randwick LGA

The level of public access and the cost per game varies across the golf courses. The Australian and New South Wales Golf Clubs are private members clubs with limited guest access. The St Michaels Golf Club has limited non-member access on weekends, outside of member's only hours. The Coast Golf and Recreation Club and Randwick Golf Club would be considered the two fully public golf courses in the Randwick LGA, notwithstanding some small restrictions, in time of use and when member's competitions are taking place.

The Office of Sport identifies Randwick City as having a 'very high provision of golf courses'

when compared to the Eastern City District (1 per 29,784 compared to 1 per 46,055 people). There are eight public golf courses in the Eastern City District, two of which are in the Randwick LGA. Randwick City is also well provided for, when comparing the provision of fully public golf courses in the Randwick LGA (two) with the Eastern City District (eight) - there is 1 per 75,272 compared to 1 per 131,250 people.

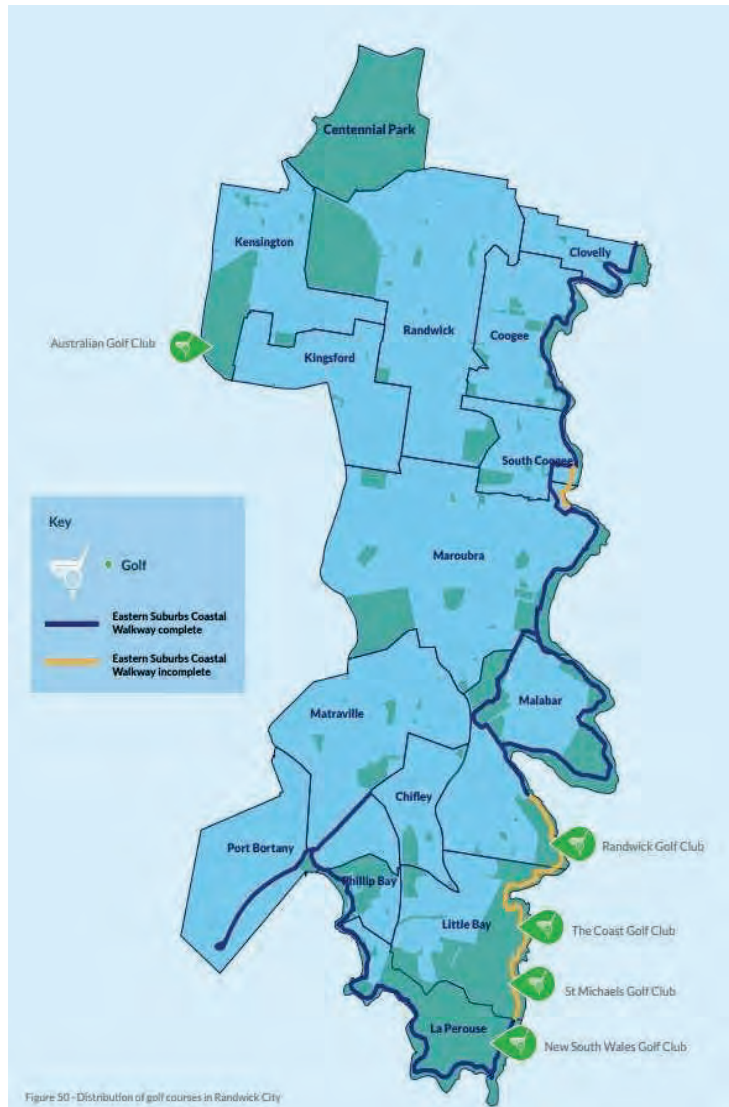


Figure 3 - Existing golf courses in the Randwick LGA

The five golf courses of total 23ha area, represent a significant area, of the total open space within the Randwick LGA. Many of the golf courses are only accessible by members, thereby restricting public access to parts of the Randwick City coastline. The OSARN Study recommends the opening of golf courses to shared public access, enabling public use at certain times and at the edge of the courses, and to the completion of the missing sections of the Eastern Suburbs coastal walkway.

The OSARN Study indicates that the Randwick LGA has an adequate number of existing golf courses. The outcome of the proposal will be a new park, tailored to the recreational needs of the community, to be enjoyed by a broader cross section and greater number of residents.

Recreational needs of northwest Randwick (Kensington)

The OSARN Study identifies that within Randwick City, and based on population projections to 2031, the lowest level of access to Council owned/managed recreational open space (excluding Centennial Park) occurs in the suburbs and town centres of

Kensington (2.5m² of open space per person) and Kingsford (2.4m² per person) (refer to Figure 4). This is low when compared with other areas within the Randwick LGA, that have access to open space in the range of 6.2-32.1m² per person.

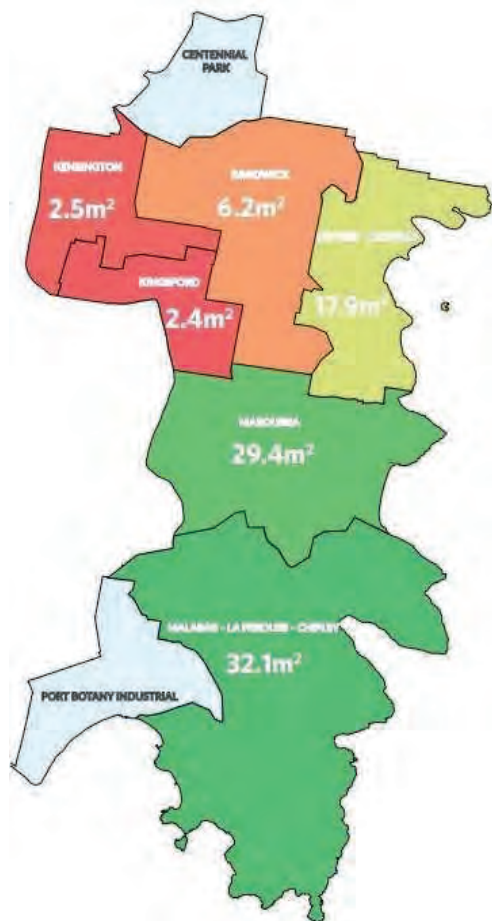


Figure 4 - Projected 2031 Council owned/managed open space provision per person

The key gaps in the provision of recreational open space identified by the OSARN Study are summarised in Table 2.

Sport or recreational activity	Assessed need in Kensington
Sports fields	There is access to sports fields, including 13 at Centennial Park, and a new multipurpose sports field at Gunyama Park Aquatic and Recreation Centre (Green Square). Since completion of the study, Council has completed new facilities to the south at the Heffron Park Sports Complex in Maroubra, that now comprises 15 sports fields, 34 netball courts, 10 tennis courts. Even though the residents of Kensington have access to several sports fields, there is high demand in the surrounding LGAs, and an additional sports field should be considered.
Aquatic facilities, pools, water sports	There is sufficient provision of aquatic centres, with the UNSW Fitness and Aquatic Centre, Gunyama Park Aquatic and Recreation Centre, and coastal pools. There are private and communal pools in the Raleigh Park precinct. Consider a children's splash park to cater for the growing number of children/families living in apartments.
Outdoor courts	Currently one at UNSW, one at Kensington Public School and further south, a new practice half court at Kensington Park. Strong demand for additional public outdoor basketball courts for informal use. Lack of full-size competition basketball courts in Randwick LGA. Kensington, with many students and being culturally diverse, there is an identified need for basketball/outdoor courts as social spaces. There are two private communal tennis courts in the Raleigh Park residential precinct.

Sport or recreational activity	Assessed need in Kensington
Indoor recreation centres/courts	Currently served by four indoor courts at the UNSW Fitness and Aquatic Centre. Also, Council has recently completed new facilities to the south at the Heffron Park Sports Complex in Maroubra, including two indoor multi-purpose sports halls suitable for netball, basketball, badminton, volleyball and indoor futsal.
Play spaces	The LGA is well served with local and district level play spaces, and the Ian Potter Children's Wild Play Garden in Centennial Parklands provides a regional playground.
Youth precincts/plazas	Potential to create multipurpose youth plazas with a range of recreational experiences, community activities/events, skate, courts, climbing walls, biking, outdoor ping pong, pools, waterplay. Incorporating social spaces - interaction, event, performance, art and music.
Outdoor gyms/fitness stations	Currently served by the new fitness station in Kensington Park (one of five in the LGA). Potential for additional stations to serve north part of Kensington.
Off-leash dog areas	Kensington identified as a high need area with an off-leash dog area required. Council approved in Dec 2023 two new off-leash areas in Kingsford (Kensington Rotary Reserve, Gardeners Road, Kingsford) and Emily McCarthy Reserve in South Coogee. Needs to be fenced, with shade, seating, dog bags, and bins.
Recreational walkways, loops, trails	Potential to expand existing walking and cycle paths in Centennial Park/Moore Park/Queens Park into Moore Park South.
Community gardens	Closest currently is in Paine Reserve, Randwick. Potential for new community garden to serve Kensington residents and broader community.
Adventure sports	Consider opportunities for skateboarding and BMX venues in new park.
Golf	Given the reduction to a nine-hole golf course, there is a need to refocus the existing club in the golf playing market, and to consider inviting public access, and expanding the clubhouse facilities to include restaurant/ kiosk, to serve the users of the proposed new park.
Lawn bowls, croquet, bocce	Six current facilities in LGA are run by private clubs. Given Kensington's urban setting, potential opportunity for bocce in association with park clubhouse/kiosk.
Commercial fitness/personal trainers	Personal fitness training is a strong growth sector of the fitness industry and is driven by the increases in density/apartment living in the Kensington Town Centre. Suitable areas in the new park should be managed/licenced under appropriate open space/recreational policy.
Equestrian sports	Currently catered for with three facilities in the LGA, including ATC at Royal Randwick Racecourse. Also, the Centennial Parkland Equestrian Centre that uses Centennial Park for trail rides and lessons. Consider merit of expanding the Centennial Park trails into the new park.
Shooting sports	Catered for, as there is a rifle range and pistol club in the Randwick LGA .

Table 2 - Kensington - OSARN Study sports and recreation needs assessment

Based on the OSARN Study findings, and considering sports and recreational facilities recently completed by Council, Council recommends the following facilities be investigated for the new park:

- An additional sports field
- Consider a children's splash park
- Public outdoor basketball full/half court/s for informal use
- Multipurpose youth plaza with range of recreational/social spaces

- A fitness station
- Off-leash dog area - fenced, with shade, seating, dog bags, bins
- Expand existing walking and cycle paths into park
- Community garden for residents
- Consider skateboarding and BMX facilities
- Consider expanding the golf clubhouse facilities to include restaurant/kiosk
- Bocce green in association with park clubhouse/kiosk
- Personal fitness training in suitable park areas - managed/licenced
- Consider expanding the Centennial Park equestrian trails into the park
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4.0 NSW Public Spaces Charter

Randwick City Council is a signatory to the NSW Public Spaces Charter (resolved in July 2022) and recommends that GSP plan, design, manage and activate the new park in accordance with the ten principles for quality public space, and the core values of:

- Connection to Country
- Equity and inclusion
- Community engagement

The NSW Public Spaces Charter defines public space as *... all places publicly owned or of public use, accessible and enjoyable by all for free and without a profit motive*. The ten principles for public space in NSW are:

- Open and welcoming
- Community focused
- Culture and creativity
- Local character and identity
- Green and resilient
- Healthy and active
- Local business and economies
- Safe and secure
- Designed for place
- Well-managed

The Charter's core value of 'Equity and inclusion' is an important consideration in the future planning of recreational parkland for the community. The new park has the potential to provide recreational open space, that is used by a broader cross section of the community, supports a multiplicity of sport and recreational pursuits, and is tailored to community recreational and open space needs.

5.0 Indigenous and Non-Indigenous heritage

The entire Centennial Park and Moore Parklands is listed as state heritage listed item. There are six Aboriginal sites identified in the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) within the vicinity of the Parklands. The following indigenous and non-indigenous heritage considerations should be addressed in the next stage of the process prior to finalisation and implementation of the proposed park:

- That careful consideration is given in the future design to address the Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal significance of the site. It is highly recommended to:
 - Consider principles of The Connecting with Country Framework as a guide in the re-imagining of the design to engage with Country and its cultural landscapes
 - Use heritage interpretation in design for both educational and recreational purposes to present its historic (Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal) and social values. Meaningful and interactive interpretation would strengthen and sustain

the place's relationships between the community and its heritage and provide economic and social benefits for the community and stakeholders

- That investigations are undertaken to establish whether there is a risk of Aboriginal object(s) being impacted by the construction of the new park, and whether an Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit (AHIP) will be required. It is recommended that Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Due Diligence be undertaken, in accordance with the Due Diligence Code of Practice for the Protection of Aboriginal Objects in NSW.

The proposed site for the new park, and the surrounding areas, contain a number of buildings of historic value, including the Moore Park Golf House and Moore Park Toll House and historic tree plantings. Many of these are documented on the Centennial Parkland website. A heritage study would provide valuable insights, consolidate and confirm heritage listings and provide a foundation to inform the planning, interpretation, layout, design, and future programming of the new park. Engaging with the local Aboriginal community will be critical to ensuring cultural considerations are addressed including potential dual naming of the place.

6.0 Environmental considerations

Council supports the inclusion in the plan of improved biodiversity and increased opportunities for people to spend time in nature. Council recommends that designated areas for biodiversity and habitat should be contiguous with existing areas to maximise ecological benefits. The SSROC Connected Corridors map (available via the SSROC website on this [link](#) shows) identifies priority habitat areas and corridors mapped by local councils and may assist in locating these areas for maximum benefit.

Council has identified the following issues which should be considered in the redevelopment of the golf course for public recreational park use:

Supporting habitats

The Southern Regions Organisation of Councils (SSROC) Connected Corridors Mapping has identified Moore Park as providing supporting habitats, and these areas should be retained and expanded wherever possible with habitat plantings in the new landscape design. The SSROC mapping recognises areas of habitat that can be linked providing a continuous habitat or 'stepping stone' habitat areas.

Grey Headed Flying Fox

Given the presence of Grey Headed Flying Fox (*Pteropus poliocephalus*) camps in nearby Centennial Park, consideration should be given to any potential impacts on the species resulting from the proposed new park. The Grey Headed Flying Fox is listed as a vulnerable species under the NSW Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 and the Commonwealth Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act (1999).

In 2022 a Biodiversity Impact Statement was prepared for the Night Racing proposal at Royal Randwick Racecourse (SSD 8706) to address potential impacts on the nearby Grey Headed Flying Fox camp at Centennial Park. Any potential nighttime lighting impacts, such as the proposed nighttime golf idea, should similarly carefully consider any potential impacts on the camps. The National Light Pollution Guidelines for Wildlife can be used to assess, manage and protect wildlife from lighting impacts.

Remediation of land

Site upgrade works were undertaken for the E.S Marks Oval in 2022. Contaminated incinerator waste was discovered on the site which contained heavy metals. It is recommended that investigations are made for the new park site, to establish the risk of such

incinerator waste being present on the site and the risks of exposure managed during any proposed earthworks and releveling for the proposed park.

Further, there is a risk of contaminated land fill, given the previous industrial use of the site. Historically, the mining of sand dunes in the Eastern Suburbs often resulted in excavations that were filled with industrial and demolition materials. A preliminary site investigation under the NSW Contaminated Land Management Act and auditing should be carried out to identify any existing contaminated areas which may impact or restrict redevelopment of the subject site.

Tree master plan

A tree master plan was prepared by Context Landscape Design in 2002 for the Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust which covered the Centennial Parklands, and included Moore Park, Centennial Park, and Queens Park, to identify and protect trees of significance.

Recommendations in this plan for Moore Park include the following:

- Anzac Parade, Cleveland Street, Dacey Avenue and Driver Avenue to be retained as avenues of trees with a strong character:
 - Anzac Parade to be Moreton Bay Fig
 - Cleveland Street to be Port Jackson Fig and Moreton Bay Fig
 - Dacey Avenue and Driver Avenue to be Hill's Weeping Fig
- Reinforce the Parklands character along the edges of Moore Park by developing South Dowling Street, Moore Park Road and Robertson Road edges as open grassland and woodland dominated by mixed species of figs. This will strengthen the identity of the Parklands and the connection between Moore Park and Centennial Park.
- Define the outer corners of Moore Park - Driver's Triangle, the corner of South Dowling Street and Dacey Avenue, the corner of Dacey Avenue and Anzac Parade - with landmark plantings consisting of feature trees or palms and/or garden beds.
- Develop tree plantings at the junction of Cleveland Street, Anzac Parade and Lang Road to emphasise the main western entry point to the Parklands.

Species recommendations are also included in the Tree Master Plan for the Moore Park area, and these, along with the above-mentioned recommendations, should be considered with the redevelopment of the proposed park.

Given the existence of perched water table ponds in the adjacent Centennial Parkland, the site is likely to have a high-water table, and this will need to be considered in the redevelopment of the site, especially regarding flood planning and drainage management.

7.0 Existing golf course landscape

Council notes that several proposed perimeter paths, tracks and cycleways are located close to existing rows of mature trees, some of which may have heritage value. Constructing paths that meet accessibility requirements could disturb tree roots, potentially compromising tree health. Council recommends careful feasibility assessment before proceeding with these alignments.

An arboreal audit/survey of all existing trees in Moore Park South is important to establish the locations, health, and life expectancy of all trees. The new park landscape design should endeavour to retain as many of the existing trees along the fairways and around the greens as is practicable. Mature tree planting and the shade canopy, in an urban context, is an asset and key characteristic of the parklands, and whilst park design thinking must be long term, there is an opportunity for the new park to provide shade and comfort for users from day one, through the strategic retention and expansion of mature trees of the existing golf course.

At the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 30 April 2024 Randwick City Council considered the proposal, and the previous draft submission prepared by Council officers and representations made by key stakeholders, and resolved:

RESOLUTION: (Luxford/Hay) *that Council objects to the proposal to convert Moore Park golf course from an 18-hole golf course to a 9-hole golf course.*

8.0 Kensington and Kingsford (K2K) Town Centres Strategy

The Kensington and Kingsford Town Centres Strategy identified an opportunity to provide well located medium-high density housing (apartments) in proximity of public transport (The CBD and South East Light Rail), business/employment centres, and recreational open space. There has been a progressive uptake of development sites in the Kensington Town Centre, over the last four years following amendments to the Randwick **LEP** in 2020 which delivered on the urban design vision of increased height and density together with a range of public benefits.

An additional 2,070 dwellings have been projected to be built in the Kensington and Kingsford Town Centres by 2026. A significant number of the dwellings are in the form of student accommodation (generally in the 18-24 year old age group) and currently under construction.

The significant number of new residents, many living in apartment accommodation, will increase demand for open space and recreational facilities within walking or cycling distance. The high proportion of students that will be living in Kensington will contribute a young demographic character to the population of the area. The new park recreational facilities and programming needs to take this into account and be tailored to these community needs.

9.0 Kensington North Housing Investigation Area (HIA)

Council has recently completed planning changes for the Kensington North Housing Investigation Area (HIA), indicated in orange colour on Figure 5. This new urban area, of medium density apartment buildings of seven and five storey building height, may accommodate an additional 105 dwellings by 2026.

New development in Kensington North will be required to meet high design quality and best practice environmental performance standards and higher landscaping requirements. There is a focus on active transport and reduced parking rates in the planning of the HIA recognising the locational advantages in terms of proximity to transport, services and employment.

10.0 Transport, access and active transport

Transport mode hierarchy

Council's Integrated Transport team follows a strategic transport mode hierarchy when considering priorities in managing traffic, transport and parking issues, as follows:

1. People walking
2. Public transport
3. People riding
4. People using shared mobility (hire car/car share/uber/taxi) or delivering freight
5. People using private vehicles

People walking

The proposed new park in Moore Park South would directly benefit the Randwick City

residents living in the suburb of Kensington, and the Kensington Town Centre. The majority of Kensington would be within a theoretical 800m to 1,600m direct line distance of the proposed new park - equivalent to an approximately 10-20 minute walk. Whilst the suburb of Randwick North would in part be within the same walking catchment, residents would be more likely to use the recreational facilities of Centennial Park and Queen's Park due to their proximity.

It is notable that current bicycle and walking access to the proposed location of the new park is difficult due to barriers such as high-volume arterial roads, that have long distances between signalised pedestrian crossings, and long waiting times for pedestrians to cross at intersections.

Further, the configuration of private property land parcels creates longer and less direct travel distances. The walking and cycling routes that are available are often challenging – impacted by high traffic volumes, with paths that are narrow, exposed to traffic noise, summer heat and vehicular pollution.

To improve walking to/from and within the new park the following principles are recommended:

- Existing and proposed pedestrian catchment isograms should be prepared for up to 1,600m (20 minute walk) from the proposed park, to identify opportunities to introduce strategic pedestrian paths, bridges, links or new intersection phasing/timing that would significantly increase the walking catchment and the numbers of residents able to use the new park
- Conduct a Movement and Place review of the surrounding streets to enhance seamless movement within the local network
- Consider opportunities to upgrade access pathways and crossings to address walking and cycling desire lines, by identifying:
 - Where residential density is located, and planned for in the Kensington Town Centre, North Kensington HIA and West Randwick HIA
 - The existing walking and cycling connections:
 - Shared path on east side of Alison Road - serving people travelling to/from the east, and people coming from the south, on their way to/from the Sydney CBD
 - Completed separated cycleway on Doncaster Avenue - serving people travelling from/to the south and east
 - Future pedestrian and cyclist connections based on current strategies/projects:
 - The Todman Avenue cycleway-the design phase is funded by TfNSW
 - The shared path along the west side of Alison Road - proposed improvements extending north to Anzac Parade
 - Light Rail and key bus stops
 - ES Marks and Moore Park Light Rail stops
 - Anzac Parade, from Alison Road to Sydney Girls High School, bus stops
 - Cleveland Street and O'Dea Avenue/Todman Avenue bus stops
- Consider the existing pedestrian and bicycle access routes that would feed into the proposed park, and potential future desire lines external to the park and across the new park, to identify opportunities to extend and make new connections and links within the overall access network, to tie together existing parkland, and provide extensions to existing walking and cycling paths and circuits.



Figure 5 - Primary access from Kensington to new park in location as proposed

- A prime consideration should be the upgrade of the two main pedestrian and bicycle access routes from Kensington and Kensington Town Centre to the new park. Refer Figure 5. The pathways should be generous in width, provide high amenity, good paved/marked surface, convenient, timely and safe street crossings - aligned with desire lines, good shade, wayfinding/directional signage, pedestrian lighting, separation/protection from heavy traffic/pollution, and direct/seamless level changes.
- The comfort level for pedestrians walking to/from, and within the park should be considered, to encourage people to walk and cycle, with generous width footpaths, shaded with tree canopy and made attractive by appropriate paving, landscaping, seating and pedestrian lighting
- Consider strategic pedestrian and cyclist crossing and path improvements, such as traffic signal timing, paths and pram ramps
- Provide welcoming pedestrian friendly facilities (paving, seating, lighting, signage/wayfinding) at the main entry points into the new park from the surrounding streets
- Consider widening and upgrading the existing pedestrian/golf cart bridge overpass of Dacey Avenue, to also accommodate general pedestrian and cyclist use, to enhance overall access opportunities in the park areas

Public transport

To incentivise the use of public transport to travel to/from the proposed new park the following principles are recommended:

- Improve pedestrian and cycle safety and amenity when travelling from the CBD and South East Light Rail (Moore Park and ES Marks stops) to the proposed new park
- Lobby TfNSW for dedicated public bus services for the new park, reflecting relevant days/times of use, and specific arrangements for drawcard events
- Consider upgrading bus shelter provision and DDA compliance

People riding

Following consideration of community feedback on bicycle routes, Randwick City Council identified eleven priority bicycle routes in the Randwick LGA (as shown in Figure 6). Relevant to the proposed new park is the proposed protected bike lane, between Green Square and the Kensington Light Rail stop, just north of the Todman Avenue/Anzac Parade intersection. The 'Y' shaped, *No.3 Todman Avenue and Lenthall/1 Street* bicycle route, is shown on the map in yellow. The proposed route links up with the important City of Sydney east-west linking roads, of O'Dea Avenue (serving the Victoria Park precinct) and Epsom Road (serving Epsom Park Precinct and Green Square).



Figure 6 - RCC bicycle route construction priority (north of LGA)

The new bicycle route would connect with the City of Sydney bicycle paths, extending north and west from the O'Dea Avenue/Todman Avenue/South Dowling Street intersection, and to the Bourke Street cycleway, extending the network for cyclists, and providing safer and more attractive routes to the new park for Kensington residents.

People using shared mobility (hire car/car share/uber/taxi)

To incentivise shared/sustainable access to/from the new park the following principles are recommended:

- Consider provision of dedicated car share parking spaces
- Incorporate Uber/taxi drop off area
- Provide for EV car parking spaces

People using private vehicles

For private vehicle access to/from the new park the following principles are recommended:

- Conduct a detailed review of traffic behaviour on the local road network for this year, opening year and 10 years after opening
- Assess Traffic Impact (TI) and Level of Service (LOS) at key intersections based on SIDRA modelling (to understand how the new public destination will affect traffic flow within the road network at key intersections within the vicinity of the proposed park)
- Consider potential traffic shifts (traffic migration) to local roads due to the new traffic movements associated with the proposed new park
- Generate a star-rated report (pre- and post-upgrade) to identify safety improvement opportunities (aiming for a minimum 3-star road rating)
- Develop an emergency access plan for ambulance and fire truck services

Currently the golf course 'reads' as a secluded destination, with the fairways screened by significant landscaping and sometimes fencing. The new park entry/s should open visually to the surrounding streets, with clearly identified entry points for pedestrians and for vehicles. Clear pedestrian and bicycle routes through the new park should be provided that are direct and safe, following good CPTED principles, including suitable pedestrian lighting.

Parking strategy

Council notes that the proposed car park discussed at the stakeholder workshop is not shown on the current plans. Council understands that buses transporting students to carnivals at E.S. Marks Athletic Field can no longer enter the site from Dacey Avenue due to traffic flow impacts. Accordingly, Council is concerned that a car park located near the Dacey Avenue/South Dowling Street intersection may not be feasible given potential traffic impacts on the intersection and eastbound traffic along Dacey Avenue.

For private vehicle parking at the new park the following principles are recommended:

- Develop a parking strategy aligned with the applicable GSP/City of Sydney DCP rates, standards and guidelines
- Determine parking for buses (coaches), EV, bikes, Uber drop off/pick up zone/s
- Ensure parking does not overflow (spill) onto local streets
- Accommodate the expected volume of visitors attracted by the proposed park

11.0 Anzac Parade/Alison Road/Dacey Avenue intersection

Randwick City Council commissioned Stantec consultants in 2022 to undertake SIDRA modelling of the Anzac Parade/Alison Road/Dacey Avenue intersection, following the recommendations of the Randwick Junction and HIAs Local Traffic Study (Stantec, Jan 2022).

The findings of the SIDRA Intersection Modelling report (Stantec, June 2022) are that the intersection performs poorly in the morning peak period, with a Level of Service (LOS) of F under existing conditions and three future scenarios.

Stantec's recommendation is that:

A combination of efforts through collaborating with TfNSW and neighbouring LGAs, with the goal of improving public and active transport mode share, minimising reliance on private vehicle usage and exploring options for intersection reconfiguration or upgrades is more likely to improve the future performance of the intersection effectively.

The limitations of the capacity of this intersection, particularly the northbound right-hand turn from Alison Road to Anzac Parade, should be considered in the planning of pedestrian, cyclist and vehicular access to the new park, particularly if the park is planned to be a regional destination for families, and thereby likely to attract trips by car.

12.0 O'Dea/Todman Avenue pedestrian link

Council raises a concern regarding the Moore Park Master Plan 2040 (Centennial Parklands/Hassell 2017) proposal to introduce a new east-west pedestrian link (from Boronia Street to Todman Avenue) along the Raleigh Park/golf course boundary. Raleigh Park residents' apartments and their ground level north facing communal open space and swimming pool areas adjoin the boundary with the golf course and would potentially be impacted by such a shared pathway link. The potential loss of privacy and security would need to be addressed if such a proposal were pursued.

13.0 Moore Park Supa Centa

There is an opportunity for GSP to open discussions with the owner of the bulky goods shopping centre, with the aim of encouraging any future redevelopment of the site to introduce an improved interface with the golf course and investigate the potential for food and beverage retail to open out to terraces at the upper levels overlooking the golf course landscape. A north-south pedestrian and cyclist access along the east frontage of the development (linking from Todman Avenue to Dacey Avenue) could also be considered, subject to detail considerations for safety (activation and passive surveillance), addressing level changes, and the retention of existing significant landscape (see Figure 7).



Figure 7 - Moore Park Supa Centre opportunity for new link and interface

14.0 Moore Park Golf Course

The Australia's Community Benefits Report 2023 notes the benefits of golf participation, with studies showing 15% of the population participates in the sport each year. The Report also cites information that young people, women, and families with children are more likely to engage in social and alternative format golf, such as mini golf. A recent Golf Australia report indicates that junior and women's membership is increasing.

The Moore Park Golf Club currently provides a quality, attractively landscaped and popular public golf course, driving range and clubhouse for players. It maintains a valuable green space within the city (providing urban heat mitigation and natural flood reservoir) and provides a social and recreational venue for the community. It is recommended that advice be sought from a professional golf course planner, to ensure the proposed new nine-hole course is creatively designed and continues to be attractive to golfers, in terms of both its picturesque green setting and playing characteristics.

15.0 Conclusion

This draft submission provides Council's response to the Establishment Plan to convert part of Moore Park Golf Course to a new park with the aim to enhance open space and recreation opportunities for the community.

We trust that the concerns, advice and recommendations made in this submission to the MPSEP, will help inform the development of a concept masterplan for the new park, including a reconfigured Moore Park Golf Course. We look forward to contributing feedback at

the subsequent design development stages of the project, and Council requests the opportunity to provide comment on the detailed park design.

Thank you again, for the opportunity for Randwick City Council to provide feedback at this stage on the new Moore Park South recreational park proposal.

MOORE PARK SOUTH – DRAFT ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

Name: Save Moore Park Golf Collective

Date received: 24 November 2025

1. Purpose

The Save Moore Park Collective (the Collective) has consistently advocated for a mutually beneficial solution enabling the NSW Government to establish a world-class recreation and golfing precinct within Moore Park South (the Park).

Our advocacy has focused on minimising disruption to the successful golf course while transforming underdeveloped areas of the Moore Park South Precinct. We maintain that a collaborative, mutually advantageous outcome can be attained to address the needs of the expanding community.

This submission to the Moore Park South Draft Establishment Plan constitutes our formal response to the current consultation process and reaffirms the contents of our prior submissions.

2. Background Timeline

- OCT 2023 - NSW PREMIER ANNOUNCEMENT The Collective respond through written request to meet with the Premier and respond to media enquiries.
- MAY 2024 - DISCUSSION PAPER CONSULTATION The Collective submit an 86 page response with an Alternate Master Plan that demonstrates a win-win solution is possible at Moore Park South.
- JUN 2024 - NSW BUDGET TO MOORE PARK SOUTH NSW Government commit \$2.6M for “preliminary design and planning works”.
- NOV 2024 - COLLECTIVE LAUNCH ALTERNATE PROPOSAL The Collective launch publicly the Alternate Proposal and Master Plan.
- DEC 2024 - WHAT WE HEARD REPORT RELEASED The Collective use data from the What We Heard to further refine Alternate Proposal and Master Plan.
- ONGOING - COLLECTIVE ADVOCACY CONTINUES The Collective continues to request a meeting with the Premier. Meetings are held with staff from Office of Premier, and several Ministers Offices. Based on feedback, two revisions of the Alternate Proposal are presented to Government. Concerns for current participants and Moore Park Golf Club remains.
- JUN 2025 - NSW BUDGET TO MOORE PARK SOUTH NSW Government commit \$50M over four years to transform Moore Park South into a new 20-hectare public park.
- OCT 2025 - DRAFT ESTABLISHMENT PLAN CONSULTATION The Collective attend two stakeholder workshops, the second following organised after request from the Collective; and prepare submission for the NSW Government’s consideration.

- TBC 2026 - WHAT WE HEARD REPORT TBC NSW Government expected to release a What We Heard Report for the Draft Establishment Plan consultation.
- JUL 2026 - OPERATING AGREEMENTS EXPIRE NSW Government process for course and park management. The Collective remains concerned for the future of golf club and participants that will no longer have the same access to play golf as they currently do.

Submissions to NSW Government

The Collective remain committed to its saving Moore Park Golf Course, through its Original Submission and Alternate Master Plan Proposal.

In response to feedback received from staff of the Office of the Premier and Minister for Planning, about the Master Plan, the Collective, in a good faith, revised twice the Master Plan and presented it back to NSW in the pursuit of a collaborative win-win outcome.

[Protect Public Golf at Moore Park](#) is Golf Australia's Campaign Page. Links to the below documents are included in this Submission to be placed on public record for consideration by the NSW Government, Greater Sydney Parklands, and the wider public.

1. Submission with Alternate Proposal Master Plan (May 2024)
2. Supplementary Submission Revision 1 of Alternate Proposal Master Plan (July 2025)
[Alternate Proposal \[https://golf-australia-connect-club-guide.my.canva.site/protect-public-golf-at-moore-park/#alternate-proposal\]](https://golf-australia-connect-club-guide.my.canva.site/protect-public-golf-at-moore-park/#alternate-proposal)
3. Supplementary Submission Revision 2 of Alternate Proposal Master Plan (September 2025)

3. Draft Establishment Plan Feedback

Consultation Period 28 October to 24 November 2025.

Golf Stakeholder Workshop 1 – 5 November 2025

Golf Stakeholder Workshop 2 – 24 November 2025

Extension approved for The Collective's Submission – 28 November 2025

Key Principles and Discussion Points Overview

1. The Collective believes the Draft Establishment Plan (the Plan), presented by NSW Government and Greater Sydney Parklands, in this consultation does not offset the significant reduction in sport/physical activity currently provided nor does it meet best practice recreation planning, open space or golf facility design.
2. The Base Case is the best option evaluated - 'do nothing' as evidenced in the Government's Strategic and Full Business Cases delivers the most positive outcomes for the people of NSW. The Collective recommend that any capital investment deliver an equal to or better BCR than the Base Case of 2.4.
3. Win-Win Solution – working together with the NSW Government to achieve a more positive golf outcome, the Collective participated in formal consultations. Despite our firm belief that 'do nothing' should be the outcome, in good faith we prepared and submitted an Alternate Proposal to demonstrate a redesign of 18-holes of quality golf and transformation of underdeveloped park areas has the potential to match the community outcomes and benefits of the Base Case. We again request a meeting with the Premier to discuss a collaborative outcome for Moore Park South.

4. Contiguous Park – can be achieved through the alignment of the Draft Enablement Plan with the Collective’s Alternate Proposal - with a focus on using the natural topography of the land to create a contiguous park and heritage golf course, providing accessibility and safety for all users.

5. Heritage and history – Moore Park Golf Course is a heritage listed asset and any changes or new planning or design respond appropriately to relevant legislation.

6. Genuine Engagement - the Collective request a role on an advisory group which informs planning, design and outcomes for changes to Moore Park South.

7. Planning and Design - specialist expertise is integral for future success of golf assets, the interface between golf and park spaces and interaction of all users. It is recommended a golf course architect be engaged. Golf course design is most successful when it leads the design process, rather than come at a later stage. Underdeveloped areas of the park should also be prioritised for infrastructure as ‘new park’, the current defined line for the Park excludes these areas however there is currently minimal to no infrastructure, maintenance and usability of these areas and the Collective’s Alternate Proposal shows how they can be transformed to support the Premiers outcomes.

8. Delivery Timeframe - the Government is advised to complete its planning and design phase prior to making any physical changes to the site (example poor outcomes for Elsternwick Park and Northcote Golf Course, Victoria). Prioritising delivery of golf assets is recommended to assist in the displacement of golfers from their current access and to maximise revenue to offset capital costs.

9. Operating Agreement – experienced golf managers are recommended to manage the precinct. The Collective have recommended Moore Park be designated as a centre of excellence for Golf with management consideration given to Golf NSW. Sydney Golf Academy is thriving with more than 30,000 lessons annually and its PGA Professionals are recommended to retain employment at the site.

10. Tender for Lease, Design, and Construction – a tender process is best practice and is currently underway for the nearby Entertainment Quarter. A similar tender process for this project will invite creative and innovative proposals to unlock the full potential of Moore Park South and deliver long-term public benefit.

11. Participation Outcomes - Moore Park Golf Course. Moore Park Golf Club, Rounds Players, Driving Range users, Corporate and Community Event participants, Tournament players, and Social Visitors, deliver more than 750,000 visitors for golf every year. The Collective request planning be done to highlight and address the impact of reduced access to play on-course golf at Moore Park. A 9-hole course will reduce current capacity of the current 18-hole course by a projected 60%.

Planning and Design Process

The Collective recommend and request:

12. An advisory group be established to inform the design phase, including golf experts from governing bodies. We have recommended and requested this in our initial formal consultation in May 2024, and in subsequent meetings with the Planning Minister.

13. A golf course architect from the Society of Australian Golf Course Architects (SAGCA) be engaged to design the golf infrastructure.

14. All site investigations are completed and reports shared publicly. Including soil testing, site surveys and noise exposure assessment.

15. The Heritage Council of NSW be engaged and completion of the Section 60 Application under the NSW Heritage Act 1977. The Statement of Heritage Impact (SOHI) should be shared publicly.

16. A traffic and parking report be completed and reports shared publicly.

17. A walking and cycling study be completed and reports shared publicly.

18. We request the Government share the project business cases and cost plans are shared publicly. The Collective is extremely concerned about the Full Business Case content shared in the media including the Government proceeding with the project when the Base Case delivers far superior socio-economic benefits than the options evaluated. The Full Business case also has detailed costings that far exceed the budgeted \$50m for the transformation of Moore Park South.

19. Defer progress on the Draft Establishment Plan until after the Moore Park South Master Plan review is completed. Best practice planning would complete the Master Plan review first and then consider specific projects such as the Draft Establishment Plan for Moore Park South.

Golf Course Design

The Collective's position is consistent with the Full Business Case and supports the current recommended option (do nothing). However, to ensure the best outcome for golf and park users, see below a summary of the points discussed in the workshop for incorporation into the planning and design process.

20. No golf course architecture principles or design is evident in the Draft Establishment Plan.

21. There are significant safety issues and errors with the course layout, including but not limited to ball flight, topography, direction of play, soil conditions.

1. Land immediately south of the range is a dead-end wedge that will be extremely dangerous for non-golf activity. The middle part of the wedge will be in the zone for tee shots from hole 1 and the driving range.
2. Hole 1 is too short at 230m and will be both dangerous and cause major delays and throughput issues
3. Hole 2 is shown as a par 3 which is a straight one-shot hole from tee to green and yet it is improperly drawn as a bending centreline.
4. The dead end wedge between hole 2 and 3 is also very dangerous and is currently a common spot for tee shots from the new hole 2 (old 12) and hole 3 (old 1st)
5. Hole 4 ignores the natural topography of the area and in trying to make this a par 4 multiple dangerous situations are created that stem from a blind tee shot, incorrectly measured turn points and angles that will cause danger to those playing the 7th, 6th and 5th holes as well as users of E.S Marks Athletics Field.
6. 9th hole - the orientation of the tee shot combined with the length of the hole will be dangerous for users of the perimeter loop track.

22. Buffer Zone - the hard line edge between park and course fairway does not provide the required, minimum, 65m buffer zone for ball flight and trajectory. This must be addressed by a golf course architect as part of the design team. Buffer zones lend themselves to native vegetation zones that protect and enhance biodiversity corridors. The Alternate Proposal recommended ESBS be prioritised for the site.

23. Topography – the current golf course currently uses the topography of the land to its advantage, and was one of the principles in it becoming a golf course. The design team are recommended to use the topography to realign the golf course and park boundary to the natural ridge (of the old tip) and as above engage a golf course architect to maximise the land available for golf. The park design can also respond better to the topography and site access challenges to deliver higher levels of community benefit.

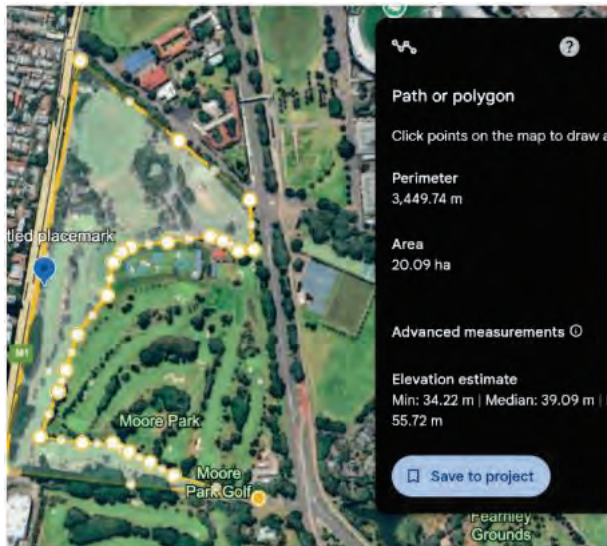
24. Length of Play – a point of difference for Moore Park is it is a public golf course in Sydney CBD area that provides length of play suitable for all types of golfers. Competitive and tournament play as a Championship course through to beginners learning to play the game. An innovation and design principle for the Draft Establishment Plan should be to maximise the land available to retain the length as well as the challenge and unique character of the course, using its topography, undulation, landscape.

25. Number of holes and size of land – the Premier’s announcements support a minimum 9 hole golf course. The size of land provided for golf will dictate the design response from a leading golf course architect. Both the number and length of holes will determine the speed of play and therefore number of people that can play the course daily.

26. The Collective request a definitive land allocation for a golf course be identified and confirmed, informed by the feedback provided in the Workshop and in this Submission. The design should prioritise the engagement of a golf course architect to respond and for the Collective to manage the golf design process, in collaboration with the Government.

27. Direction of play – considerations for the direction of play can be made, in response to ball flight and maximising land for golf use. A golf course architect should be engaged to respond.

28. The Plan is inconsistent with the Full Business Case (9 holes vs 12-holes). The Collective recommend the parcel of land that lends itself to golf course following the existing topography will define both golf and park land as demonstrated in the image below and at a lower cost. The Collective recommend that at a minimum the park boundary be realigned to the natural ridge to reduce the need for extensive high netting (up to 45m) to keep park users safe. As recommended previously a leading golf course architect should be engaged.



29. Night Golf – there is an opportunity to light the golf course to extend play in AEDT. A golf course architect and golf experts can provide a design and operating plans to maximise the use of land for golf and be an innovative outcome for Moore Park South. There is only one other night golf course in Australia, located at Shortees Terrey Hills, however this is a short pitch and putt course and significantly different experience.

Short Game Practice and Teaching Facilities

30. Practice and teaching facilities are currently provided for at Moore Park Golf including short game practice including chipping, bunker and putting, and driving range bays, for lessons, which cater to more than 30,000 lessons annually.

31. As a venue that welcomes and caters to beginners and golfers wanting to improve their game, these facilities should be designed by a golf course architect to enhance the experience and leverage space available within the broader design.

32. The area should be floodlit to maximise usage hours.

Driving Range

33. The proposed extension of the driving range is supported as the facility is in high demand and is at capacity.

34. The proposed location and orientation of the extension pose serious safety issues. The ball trajectory is directed at where the proposed pathway and park infrastructure is located, therefore balls will regularly go into areas where people will be, without the proper netting.

35. The range netting will need to be significantly higher (at least 45m) on the side and back fences. This is costly infrastructure and will challenge the budget allocation.

Mini Golf

36. The proposed Mini Golf location is over first tee box and fairway. The topography drops off sharply at this location and the practicalities of creating infrastructure at this point is questionable.

37. The first tee box is one of the iconic holes Moore Park is known for, therefore taking it away will impact the experience and detract from the Heritage objectives the government is seeking to achieve.

38. The positioning also impacts the operations of the golf course and flow of traffic for the golf course players.

39. A preferred site is recommended to the north-east of the Clubhouse. This site would activate underdeveloped and unused land. Our response to concerns raised by GSP regarding Heritage, are a design outcome that would respond to the requirements, much like the rest of the park design will need to.

40. Mini golf design should reflect current trends and best practice. Mimicking full golf courses and being floodlit for nighttime use. Access to food and beverage supports patronage and can be achieved in our recommended location.

Heritage

41. The entire park is covered by the Moore Park Conservation Area, listed on the National Trust Register and the City of Sydney Local Environmental Plan (LEP).

42. It is recognised as one of Australia's earliest public recreation grounds (dedicated 1866) and a remnant of the 1811 Sydney Common. Established in 1926, the golf course layout itself is historically significant for its use of the "sandhills" topography. The Golf House (Clubhouse) is a heritage-listed building dating to 1926, sitting atop Mount Rennie.

43. The Heritage Council of NSW be engaged and completion of the Section 60 Application under the NSW Heritage Act 1977. The Statement of Heritage Impact (SOHI) should be shared publicly.

Recreation Planning, Park Design and Interface between Park, Paths and Golf

44. Future leased area needs to be clearly defined for operating purposes and design considerations.

45. Boundary spaces between golf and park will be achieved through considered design. Native vegetation is recommended to assist defining spaces, to ensure all park users are aware of golf being played.

46. A golf course architect be engaged as part of the design team.

47. Walking and cycling paths locations should consider golf play, the driving range and topography of the site.

48. The central path is currently cutting between the course and the driving range, a highly trafficked golf area with safety concerns. An alternate path alignment which takes users along the western and northern boundary of the Driving Range is a better outcome.

49. Using the current topography and ridge as a new boundary between golf and park highlights the underdeveloped land north of the current park boundary that could be used for several of the Park features, presented in our Alternate Proposal Master Plan, which include:

1. Playground – the land parcel is large enough to have more than one
2. Youth recreation facilities such as pump track
3. Outdoor fitness stations

4. Picnic areas and park furniture
5. Amenities

50. Current locations of some listed features are located centrally within the park and potentially risk being considered too far to get to by users and result in low patronage. 51. Engagement with peak landscape, urban planning, parks, leisure and golf experts should be prioritised.

Traffic and Carparking

52. Carparks and parking spaces will be required to respond to the increased use of the park, driving range and mini golf amenities.

53. Positioning, like all new infrastructure, should respond to activation zones, however there are significant concerns on the traffic impacts.

54. Placement of car parking on areas deemed higher in importance for Heritage, should be considered the same as any golf infrastructure.

55. A new car park at the entrance of Anzac Pde and Cleveland St is the opposite of the Alternate Proposal Master Plan which recommends activating this area with park recreation infrastructure as it is easily accessible by public transport, path networks, and a great arrival zone for Moore Park South.

4. Recommendation

The Collective recommends and requests the Government respond to the feedback provided in this Submission. In summary,

1. The Premier of NSW meets with the Collective as a matter of due diligence
2. Greater Sydney Parklands respond to all feedback outlined in this Submission
3. Recommended studies and reports are completed and made public
4. Design feedback is incorporated into the Plan
5. An advisory group including golf experts be established 12 Moore Park South Collective Submission 281125
6. A golf course architect from the Society of Australian Golf Course Architects (SAGCA) be engaged to design the golf infrastructure – with oversight from Golf NSW, Golf Australia, PGA of Australia and Moore Park Golf Club
7. Planning commences to solve the reduced participation access for current golfers of Moore Park Golf Course.

MOORE PARK SOUTH – DRAFT ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

Name: Clublinks

Date received: 28 November 2025

Moore Park Golf has stood as a cornerstone of public golf in Sydney for over 120 years embodying both heritage and accessibility with almost 100,000 rounds played annually. Any evolution of Moore Park Golf must protect this legacy - to ensure long-term viability and appeal while expanding recreation opportunities for the wider community.

The vision released in the Moore Park South Draft Plan is understood and clear. However, the reduced and reconfigured Golf product is riddled with several critical concerns. If not addressed, these issues risk undermining Moore Park Golfs future success by:

- High risk **safety issues** for both golfers and park users
- **Inefficient land use**, limiting the potential of the precinct
- **Compromised financial viability** through adverse design consequences
- **Significant opportunity cost** due to lack of innovation
- **Shortage of parking supply** for Moore Park Golf customers

Appropriate Golf architect and design expertise in conjunction with operations specialists (Clublinks) must be sought to bring the plans to a standard that will uphold Moore Park Golf's true potential, ensuring opportunities are maximised and critical mistakes avoided. Budgetary constraints need not limit the ambition of this project. With targeted spending and the right expertise, Moore Park Golf can achieve a design that is both financially responsible and visionary. This is not about spending more but about spending smarter.

Clublinks shares the following feedback in response to the Moore Park South plan:

1. Modelling layouts to understand operating and opportunity cost and value of

1.1 As long-term operators of Moore Park Golf, and with extensive industry expertise supported by relevant case studies - Clublinks sees immense value using data available to model all potential course layouts and hole configurations as part of the decision making.

1.2 A more efficient, 12 hole course layout with improved pace of play considerations will generate more than 55% in revenue and an additional 33% of sellable rounds versus what the proposed 9 hole option would produce.

1.3 Introducing a night golf offering would significantly increase sellable inventory.

2. Innovation

2.1 Clublinks recommends a minimum 12 hole layout

2.1.1 A well designed 12 hole layout can appeal to multiple skill levels and still accommodate traditional competition models.

2.1.2 Good planning could feasibly accommodate the opportunity for a Night Golf offering. This would not only increase sellable inventory but also bring to market the first on course lit up experience in NSW.

2.1.3 A shorter Night Golf format can be offered utilising select holes away from residential buildings, ensuring no disruption to residents.

2.1.4 Inclusion of multi-tees in planning would provide flexibility in course layout.

3. Moore Park South Draft Plan - Golf Course Design & Layout Risk identified

Appropriate Golf architect and design expertise in collaboration with operations expertise (Clublinks) must be sought to maximise opportunity and mitigate critical risks, leveraging existing infrastructure, design principals and industry benchmarks to bring the proposed plan to standard.

3.1 First Hole – Short Par 4 (238m) reduces efficiency and sellable inventory

3.1.1 The proposed 238m first hole becomes reachable for most moderate to skilled golfers. This will slow play significantly, as groups must wait for the green to clear before teeing off. The current 400m first hole avoids this issue by allowing the following group to play once the preceding group has completed their tee shots.

3.1.2 To cater for a 238m first hole, the interval between tee times will need to increase from 8 minutes to +10 minutes to ensure operational flow and manage player expectations.

3.1.3 Impact of +10 minute intervals versus 8 minute intervals would significantly reduce sellable rounds by 30%.

3.2 Transition from 2nd tee to 3rd tee poses significant safety issue and inefficiencies in the player experience.

3.2.1 Walking from the 2nd green to the 3rd tee directly through the flight path of tee shots from the 3rd tee raises serious safety concerns.

3.2.2 Tee shots frequently stray left or right, and this route exposes players to high-speed, high-risk impacts.

3.2.3 The walk to get from the 2nd to the 3rd is inefficient and a reconfigured layout can eliminate this entirely.

3.3 Safety issues - holes 1–3 bordering public park space

3.3.1 Holes 1-3 and the path of ball flight run parallel to the proposed public park.

3.3.2 Significant investment (\$10M) in high protective fencing would be required to mitigate risk of errand balls frequently entering public park space.

3.3.3 Revised hole routing in an improved course layout would remove the need for significant investment in fencing.

3.3.4 Reverting the proposed public park land wedges (between the driving range and Hole 1, and between Holes 2 and 3) back to golf course land would provide buffer space and allow for holes to be redirected.

3.3.5 Approximately 150,000 balls escape the current driving range netting each year, a portion of which would enter the allocated park space, risking the safety of park dwellers and proposed path users which borders the range perimeter noted in item on the (6) Establishment plan.

3.4 Hole 4 – Safety Issues Adjacent to ES Marks

3.4.1 Hole 4 borders ES Marks and poses errand ball risk, particularly with the dog leg hole format proposed which will encourage players to attempt a straight shot over the bend, increasing the likelihood of balls exiting the course perimeter, entering ES Marks.

3.5 Inefficient use of existing layout and infrastructure

3.5.1 It is understood significant changes south of Dacey Avenue has been proposed to reduce the current bottle neck and back log on the 5th. However, investing in significant construction has resulted in many other challenges.

3.5.2 Keeping the course as it is currently south of Dacey Avenue - and bringing holes 5, 7 and 10 back into play would achieve 12 holes.

3.5.3 Holes 1, 4, and 5 are iconic to the Moore Park Golf experience and should be kept if possible.

3.5.4 In particular, the current 1st hole is shown as hole 3 in the proposed plan. It would be ideal to remain as the starting hole. Its location is better suited for course operations than the proposed new 1st hole and flows well supporting pace of play.

4. Integrating Park space with Golf infrastructure and services

4.1 Walking path intersecting golf cart operations – dysfunctional

4.1.1 A section of item (6) 'Walking, running, cycling paths and trail' on the Establishment Plan currently intersects the primary golf cart thoroughfare and operation at Moore Park Golf.

4.1.2 The path should be redirected away from essential cart operation areas to avoid incidents.

4.2 Family friendly facilities and park infrastructure i.e. Playground - closer to the Clubhouse (in safe location)

4.2.1 Leveraging existing services at Moore Park Golf i.e. amenities, food & beverage offering to support new recreation play opportunities should be considered.

4.2.2 A prime example is the addition of a children's playground strategically located between the Clubhouse and Anzac Parade.

4.2.3 This would activate underutilised space and drive non-golf public use of Moore Park Golf's existing facilities.

5. Extension of Driving Range – unintended adverse design risks and inadequate ball delivery infrastructure to support an additional 30 bays.

5.1 Any redesign of the range infrastructure must incorporate substantially enhanced safety considerations to address these unintended adverse effects. Safety netting is a major consideration of this and a ball flight study should be undertaken to understand the level of risk.

5.2 Current data shows that more than 150,000 balls per year - approximately 375 per day - escape the safety netting. Any proposed park space surrounding the driving range parameter needs to be carefully assessed.

5.3 The addition of 30 bays curved into the current Junior Zone introduces further risks. The angled layout increases the likelihood of balls veering into the existing driving range structure and over the safety netting, posing significant safety risks to park dwellers and proposed path users which borders the range perimeter noted in item on the (6) Establishment plan.

5.4 Shortening the driving range to 150–200m will make it much easier for golfers to hit balls beyond the boundary and into proposed park space, with balls already currently clearing the 250m perimeter.

5.5 The current ball infrastructure does not have the capacity to service an additional 30+ bays and would need to be upgraded at the time of build.

5.6 In addition to the above, the 30+ new range bays should be built larger than the current bays to provide the infrastructure for the operator to offer a more premium, group based experience, offering a USP that differs from the current 58 bay offering.

6. Unintended parking demand issues at Moore Park Golf

6.1 Proposed Parking Lot – South Dowling Street and Dacey Avenue Corner

6.1.1 The intersection at South Dowling Street and Dacey Avenue already experiences heavy congestion and frequent traffic backlogs

6.1.2 Access to the proposed carpark is particularly difficult for vehicles approaching from the east. It is reasonable to assume that drivers from the east, as well as those coming via Cleveland Street (CBD, Redfern, Surry Hills), may choose to bypass South Dowling traffic by parking at Moore Park Golf instead.

6.1.3 The impact on Moore Park Golf's customers must be carefully considered and future proofed. With the addition of a new mini golf facility and 30 extra driving range bays, peak demand will already be high. Increased use of the site by park visitors could create significant access and capacity issues, particularly during the busiest periods for both Moore Park South and Moore Park Golf.

7. Accessibility and learning opportunities – Short game/ chipping green facilities

7.1.1 1 x chipping green has been identified in the proposal.

7.1.2 Chipping greens at Moore Park Golf not only serve as a practice facility before rounds, but also on course lesson opportunities between coaches and students – both adults and kids.

7.1.3 While the course is being reduced, short game facilities should be maximised to encourage and facilitate and promote learning pathways and opportunities.

7.1.4 Approximately 4,000 lessons per annum are accommodated on the current chipping green.

7.1.5 A minimum of 12 holes should be prioritised and should a refined course plan allow, two chipping greens would be advantageous, however – should not be prioritised over maximising on course playable holes.

Moore Park Golf's transformation gives Greater Sydney Parklands and the NSW Government the chance to set a new benchmark for how golf and public recreation can thrive together in a shared urban landscape. But success depends on the Government listening to the golf industry's expertise. Without it, poor design and underinvestment will deliver a compromised course that strips Moore Park Golf of its status as one of Australia's most accessible and well-loved facilities - a venue that has served both government and community with distinction for generations.

The intent behind the current plan is clear, but its success hinges on significant refinement. Course layout efficiency, player safety, and equitable access must be strengthened to ensure the design delivers not just space for a park, but excellence.

Clublinks is fully committed to working hand in hand with Greater Sydney Parklands toward a final plan that secures Moore Park Golf's role as a leading destination well into the future.

MOORE PARK SOUTH – DRAFT ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

Name: Bicycle NSW

Date received: 24 November 2025

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the draft Establishment Plan for Moore Park South.

Bicycle NSW has been the peak bicycle advocacy group in NSW for nearly fifty years, and has more than 30 affiliated local Bicycle User Groups. Our mission is to 'create a better environment for all bicycle riders', and we support improvements to facilities for pedestrians and cyclists. Bike riding provides a healthy, congestion reducing, low-carbon form of travel that is quiet, efficient and attractive for all ages with the correct infrastructure design.

Bicycle NSW is very supportive of the NSW Government plans to convert 20 hectares of Moore Park Golf Course into a new public park for Sydney.

We recognise that the Establishment Plan is high-level, and the \$50 million committed to the reconfiguration of the park will only enable limited elements of the future park to be delivered over the next 3 years.

Despite the constraints, creating seamless, safe and comfortable access to and through the site for people walking and cycling must be a top priority for the first phase.

The existing pathways in the Moore Park and Centennial Parklands precinct are very important for active transport in the eastern suburbs. However, there are many issues with connectivity. There are critical gaps in the pathway network, and some very inaccessible intersections across multi-lane perimeter roads carrying heavy traffic.

The Moore Park South development offers a once-in-a-generation opportunity to improve the active transport network, stitch together disconnected paths, and ensure that walking and cycling to the park is not only convenient but also attractive and safe.

This submission makes a series of recommendations that focus on active transport. These can be summarised as follows:

1. Develop a clear hierarchy of pathways to serve different functions
2. Advocate for improved access to the park from all directions
3. Do not add any more car parking. Invest in bike parking instead

The annotated map in Figure 1 indicates a possible pathway network and highlights missing road crossings.

Bicycle NSW works closely with Bicycle User Group BIKEast, and aligns with its excellent submission that draws on local knowledge and expertise to make very detailed comments on the active transport connections and facilities at Moore Park South.



Figure 1: Establishment Plan annotated with Bicycle NSW suggestions for the primary and secondary pathway network (Image: Greater Sydney Parklands / Bicycle NSW)

Recommendations

1. Develop a clear hierarchy of pathways to serve different functions

- A grid of **primary** shared or separated paths around all four edges of the park and diagonally through the centre (shown in green in Figure 1).

High-quality shared paths already exist along the south side of Cleveland Street and the east side of South Dowling Street. Existing footpaths along the west side of Anzac Parade and the north side of Dacey Avenue can be upgraded.

The paths must be suitable for commuting by high numbers of bike riders. Shared user paths should be a minimum of 4.0m wide, allowing for safe overtaking and pedestrian interactions.

The NSW Cycleway Design Toolbox provides design guidance.

Ideally separated walking and cycling paths would be provided in a 5 to 6m wide corridor. It is much easier to allocate space for generous paths that meet future demand at the very outset of the project.

The 4.1km M6 Active Transport Corridor from Kyeemagh to Monterey will be open very shortly. This project has delivered separated walking and cycling paths wherever possible. The aim is to accommodate both commuters passing through at speed as well as recreational bike riders, and minimise conflict with people walking. A typical cross section is shown in Figure 2. The paths will be future-proofed by incorporating wide 1m shoulders and medians, ensuring space for expansion as user volumes grow – as they undoubtedly will with population and appetite for active transport surging.

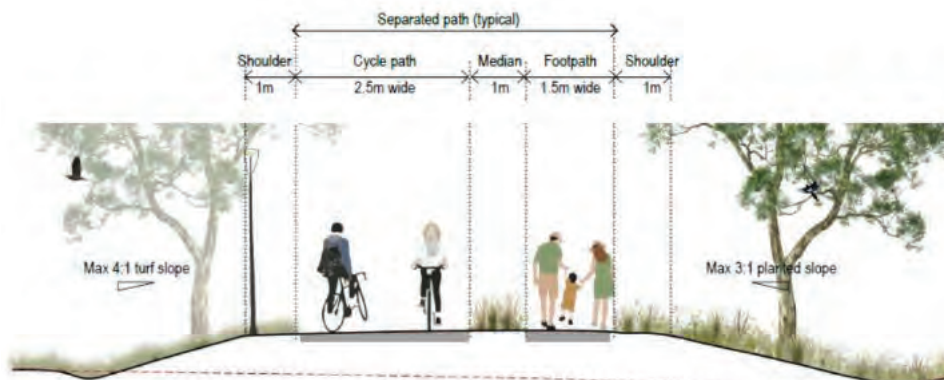


Figure 2: Typical cross section of the separated walking and cycling paths to be constructed for the M6 ATC, showing the 1m median and shoulders (Source: TfNSW)

- A key **secondary** route that completes a perimeter loop track (shown in blue in Figure 1) Bicycle NSW is very supportive of the concept of a 2.8km perimeter loop. This will be a great facility for recreational rides and runs through the parklands.

Some sections of the loop will use the primary grid of high-capacity pathways. However, the majority of the loop can meander as indicated by the Establishment Plan. The path can be shared user, and could have a lower-cost compacted fine gravel surface. Regular connections to the primary paths are required.

- A finer grain network of **minor** footpaths for walking and running to augment the connectivity provided by the primary and secondary pathways
- A generous forecourt area at each entrance to Moore Park South with maps, wayfinding, bubblers, bike repair stations and bike parking.
- All pathways should be signed 'on leash only' and any off-leash dog areas should be fenced with a self-closing gate to minimise the risk of dogs colliding with people running and cycling.
- The primary paths need to feel safe at all times, with clear sightlines and good lighting.
- A pump track is an excellent idea that Bicycle NSW very much supports. Pump tracks attract children and young people for independent physical activity while learning essential bike skills that will (hopefully!) set them up for a lifetime of active transport.

2. Advocate for improved access to the park from all directions

There are several intersections around the perimeter of the park where the level of service for people walking and cycling is currently very poor. Lengthy multi-stage crossings, missing

pedestrian crossing legs, missing bicycle lanterns and uncoordinated signal phasing make crossing the major roads around the precinct very difficult and slow. The situation is particularly bad at each of the four corners of Moore Park South.

Bicycle NSW urges Great Sydney Parklands to **advocate strongly to Transport for NSW and the Transport and Roads** ministers to make significant changes to the key intersections for the benefits of all park users. It is essential to continually remind NSW Government that its very own Road User Space Allocation policy provides a very strong mandate to prioritise people walking and cycling over people driving.

BIKEast has provided very detailed recommendations for each intersection and Bicycle NSW urges Greater Sydney Parklands to review these carefully. A brief summary of work to be requested from Transport for NSW:

- Add bicycle lanterns to signalised crossings, and convert zebra crossings to shared user crossings. This will ensure that bike riders using cycleways or shared paths can navigate intersections without dismounting.
- Remove slips lanes to create more space for waiting pedestrians and bike riders, reduce the speed of turning vehicles and wind back the dominance of vehicle traffic
- Add a pedestrian/bike crossing leg if missing from an intersection. Transport for NSW has a standard on [Providing signalised crossings on all intersection legs](#). The Dacey Avenue and Anzac Parade intersection needs a crossing on the northern side - it currently takes an unacceptable five crossing legs to reach the Alison Road shared path from Moore Park South.
- Improve signal phasing so people walking have adequate time to cross the road, and coordinate signals so more than one stage of a multi-stage crossing can be tackled at once.
- Plan the complete reconfiguration of these four corner intersections in the longer term.
- Upgrade the mid-block crossings of Anzac Parade near Robinson St, Cleveland Street near Sydney Boys High and South Dowling Street at Charles Street. Add bicycle lanterns where missing and improve signal priority for pedestrians
- Widen Resch's Bridge and remove the chicanes that inhibit access by people with larger bikes, prams and wheelchairs.
- Advocate for a **new grade separated active transport bridge** across South Dowling Street. The location must be agreed in collaboration with the City of Sydney Cycleways team. Danks Street or through Corning Park could be appropriate locations, serving the residents of the dense Waterloo precinct.

Although these projects are not in the scope of the Moore Park South Establishment Plan, and sit outside the control of Greater Sydney Parklands, it is essential they are **shown on the maps** to ensure they are deeply embedded in the master plan and remain front of mind for all stakeholders as the park is developed.

3. Do not add any more car parking.

Invest in bike parking instead. Moore Park South is precious open space that is being transferred for community use after a long hard fought campaign. The redevelopment of the parkland must have a laser sharp focus on providing space for recreation, sport, landscaping and active transport.

Bicycle NSW does not support allocating any land – or any of the initial \$50 million budget – for new car parking.

It is not necessary to facilitate access by car in a high-density area with good public transport and active transport links. There is already a large car parking area at the northern end of the park. A new driveway from Dacey Avenue would introduce conflict points with people using the main east-west pathway.

However, **good bike parking is needed throughout the park**, particularly at key facilities, playgrounds, picnic areas and toilets. Simple 'Sheffield' hoops are the most useful type of bike rack. Care must be taken to space the hoops so larger bikes and cargo bikes can be accommodated. Locations chosen for bike parking must have good passive surveillance and step-free access to the adjacent pathway.

Concluding thoughts

Bicycle NSW looks forward to seeing Moore Park South evolve over the coming years. This exciting project offers amazing opportunities to deliver much-needed upgrades to the active transport network in and around the parklands.

MOORE PARK SOUTH – DRAFT ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

Name: BIKEast

Date received: 23 November 2025

Introduction

BIKEast is the local advocacy group representing bike riding Sydney's Eastern Suburbs. We are affiliated with Bicycle NSW and support their additional feedback.

We believe that providing and maintaining open and accessible space for the community is very important. We also believe safe, continuous and connected bike routes will encourage more people to ride their bikes more often – an outcome that is consistent with NSW and Local Government strategies to realise the considerable individual and public benefits to increasing the mode share of active travel (walking or cycling).

The Moore Park and the Centennial Parklands precinct includes facilities for cycling that are well-used by people visiting the parklands and people riding through the parklands to get around the eastern suburbs.

It is important for long term environmental, sustainability and health planning, that pathways in Moore Park South are developed to complement the existing paths and ensure more people are encouraged to access the park and recreational facilities within the park on their bicycles (instead of increasing access via personal motor vehicles).

BIKEast is pleased to submit our comments on the Draft Establishment Plan for consideration.

Summary of points

- A. Major walking and cycling paths should seamlessly connect park users to the surrounding pedestrian and cycling networks to access surrounding places of interest / suburbs.
- B. High quality active travel paths are essential around the park perimeter, and diagonally across the park to provide easy access to all surrounding residential areas.
- C. Secondary (shortcut) walking and cycling paths should provide effective park access.
- D. Motor vehicle parking should be kept to a minimum and restricted to disability access.
- E. The Moore Park South Proposal should encourage local authorities to further improve and increase access to the surrounding high density residential areas.
- F. Active travel paths within the Park should be fitted with priority crossing facilities where these paths cross internal access roads.
- G. Paths in the vicinity of the proposed dog off-leash area should be protected by fencing.

General Comments on the Establishment Plan

BIKEast supports the proposed conversion of the existing Golf Course into a multi-use recreational facility for local residents and visitors to the area. The Moore Park South area is bounded by multi-lane roads that carry high volumes of traffic.

It is critical that people riding bicycles or walking can easily access the park and its facilities and are not discouraged by poor connectivity or a lack of suitable end-of-trip facilities.



Figure 1: Map of Moore Park South showing the locations for BIKEast comments detailed in the text below.

‘An integrated and connected park’ – BIKEast detailed comments

BIKEast supports the NSW Government’s plans for the revitalisation of Moore Park south to provide for the much needed recreational and local access needs of a growing local community.

Moore Park South is located at a critical location between Sydney’s Eastern Suburbs and Inner South/West residential areas. Our comments largely address two important issues:

- Easy and safe access to Moore Park South from surrounding suburbs, noting that the park is bordered on all sides by heavily trafficked arterial roads; and,
- Easy and safe travel within the parklands to access park facilities.

The following sections detail BIKEast’s comments to assist the Parklands to improve its connectivity, and to enhance community access to major events and to public and active transport networks.

A. Connections of the Park's internal facilities to the surrounding suburbs for walking and cycling

The Moore Park South parklands are bounded by four heavily trafficked arterial roads, South Dowling Street/Eastern Distributor, Anzac Parade, Cleveland Street and Dacey Avenue. Due to the construction and management of these roads, there are few safe crossing facilities to allow access to the park. As Transport for NSW (TfNSW) is the authority responsible for these major roads, BIKEast strongly believes that Centennial Parklands should be a strong advocate on behalf of its park users and should urge TfNSW to improve existing access points and investigate the installation of additional new access points.

BIKEast's recommendations for improvements to existing access points are as follows:

- **South Dowling and Cleveland Street signalised crossings**

Signalised crossings at this intersection provide access to the west (from East Redfern and Surry Hills) and to the north (from Moore Park North, Surry Hills, East Sydney and Darlinghurst).

The northern signalised crossing, which is on the South Dowling Street shared path running the full length of Moore Park, is not fitted with bicycle signal lanterns. This crossing point has a restricted-space triangular traffic island separated from the Park by a slip lane (of limited use due to continual blockage by Cleveland Street traffic queueing). Access to this traffic island from the adjacent park is via a Zebra Crossing which requires bicycle users to dismount.

Recommended improvements: Short term - Request TfNSW to fit shared-user signal lanterns to the northern crossing; Longer term - Request TfNSW to remove the slip lane and replace it with a larger waiting area for walkers and cyclists.

- **South Dowling Street signalised crossing at Charles Street**

This two-stage crossing of the South Dowling Street surface roads is not coordinated which results in lengthy delays for pedestrians and cyclists. The path pavement in the park adjacent to this crossing point does not allow enough space for north-south cyclists to pass using the pavement when other riders are waiting for the crossing signal to Charles Street.

Recommended improvements: Short term - Request TfNSW to adjust signal phasing to allow cyclists and runners time to cross both roads in one movement. Widen the north-south path in the park by 1.5 metres adjacent to the crossing point.

- **Bridge over South Dowling Street through Moore Park Gardens to Bourke Street**

This narrow bridge provides a critical access to Moore Park South. It is the only grade-separated connection over both South Dowling Street and the Eastern Distributor to the relatively newer high-rise apartment building developments north of Lachlan Street. The shared path from the western end of the bridge traverses the Moore Park Gardens development and connects cyclists and pedestrians to Bourke Street and its Cycleway. There are two chicanes along this path which are hazardous to cyclists.

Recommended improvements: Longer term - Request TfNSW to investigate and install an additional active travel bridge over South Dowling Street and the Eastern Distributor, connecting to either Danks Street or Potter Street to provide safer and quicker access to this high density population area.

- **South Dowling Street signalised crossings at Lachlan and Dacey Streets**

At Lachlan Street there is another critical Moore Park South access point linking to the relatively new high-rise apartment building developments north and south of Lachlan Street. All legs of this signalised crossing lack bicycle signal lanterns.

The path southwards from this intersection along the eastern edge of South Dowling Street provides an important bicycle network link to the City of Sydney's (CoS's) Day Street Cycleway and to Randwick Council's on-road bicycle route along Todman Avenue.

Recommended improvements: Short term - Request CoS to improve park bicycle access from Gadigal Avenue via Lachlan Street (see major heading "E" later in this document).

- **Dacey Avenue and Anzac Parade signalised crossings**

This intersection currently offers the poorest access to Moore Park South from the nearby suburbs of Kensington and Randwick. There is no signalised crossing of Anzac Parade between Moore Park South and the eastern side of Anzac Parade and the adjacent cycleway. Crossing this intersection to reach the City-to-UNSW Cycleway currently requires a five stage crossing of the three legs, with some legs requiring more than one stage. None of the signals at this intersection have bicycle signal lanterns.

Recommended improvements: Short term - Request TfNSW to include cyclists in the signaling at this intersection by fitting combined bicycle/pedestrian signal lanterns. Also request TfNSW to improve the Level of Service at this intersection for all active transport users. Longer term - Request TfNSW to investigate and implement a major upgrade of the intersection to provide a Level of Service for active transport users equivalent to that of motor vehicle users.

- **Anzac Parade and Cleveland Street signalised crossing**

Signalised crossings at this intersection provide access to the east (to Centennial Park and beyond) and to the north (Moore Park North and Surry Hills). The northern signalised crossing of Cleveland Street at Anzac Parade connects to the shared path which runs the full length of Moore Park North. This crossing is not fitted with bicycle signal lanterns.

The eastern signalised crossing of Anzac Parade is fitted with bicycle lanterns. This is a three-stage crossing, with limited signal coordination for active travel users. The crossing of the two-lane slip lane on the eastern side is not coordinated with the remainder of the crossing. The storage space for active travel users on the eastern triangular traffic island and also on the path itself adjacent to the busway and the slip lane is small and these restricted spaces can regularly become congested during peak operating times.

Recommended improvements: Short term - Request TfNSW install combined bicycle/pedestrian signal lanterns on the northern crossing. Also request TfNSW to improve the level of service at this intersection for all active transport users. Longer term - Request TfNSW to investigate and implement a major upgrade of the intersection to provide a Level of Service for active transport users equivalent to that of motor vehicle users.

- **Minor signalised crossings of Anzac Parade at Robertson Road and the mid-block crossing of Cleveland Street**

Though both these crossings do not provide park connections to and from highly populated areas, they are still valuable mid-block connections to the park. Neither crossing is fitted with bicycle signal lanterns. Robertson Road is an uncoordinated two-stage crossing.

Recommended improvements: Short term - Request TfNSW install combined bicycle/pedestrian signal lanterns on both crossings. Request TfNSW to improve the level of service at the Robertson Road crossing for all active transport users.



Figure 2: Path in Moore Park South along Cleveland Street between South Dowling Street and Anzac Parade

B. Primary Park access paths for Active Travel around and within the park

To facilitate easy and quick access throughout the entire Moore Park South area, BIKEast recommends the identification, development and implementation of a high quality network of primary shared paths, consisting of:

- **Primary access paths.** These are high quality paths (built to a similar standard as the existing shared path along the southern edge of Cleveland Street between Anzac Parade and South Dowling Street). These paths are designed for high use by cyclists and walkers to facilitate quick access to all areas of the Park. The recommended path construction standard is wide enough to accommodate safe sharing of pedestrians and cyclists with centreline marking to allow safe navigation, particularly during evenings.

Primary access paths recommended by BIKEast are the four perimeter paths and the proposed path running diagonally across the park, between the intersections of Anzac Parade and Cleveland Street, and the intersection of South Dowling Street and Lachlan Street. These paths are labelled “B” on Figure 1.

Recommended improvements: Short term - Upgrade existing perimeter paths along South Dowling Street, Dacey Avenue and Anzac Parade to the standard of the Cleveland Street path. Construct the proposed new path, running diagonally across the park, to the same standard. Install path lighting on all sections of primary paths lacking adjacent street lighting coverage.

C. Secondary park paths to connect to internal areas and features

To provide a finer grained path network with access to attractions within the park, BIKEast recommends additional shared paths. These paths are labelled “C” on Figure 1.

BIKEast recommends that these paths are built to a similar standard as the Primary Access Paths described above but less wide (minimum 3.0m). In the southern parts of the Park, these paths could be constructed with a fine crushed compacted gravel surface to blend with vegetated areas.

D. A park for people not cars

BIKEast recommends that the small carpark shown on Figure 1 (reproduced from the draft Moore Park South Establishment Plan Consultation document), be designed and used for disability access/park maintenance vehicles only. Car parking facilities can occupy large amounts of space better devoted to more natural landscapes and community activities.

E. Encouraging local authorities to improve access to the park from surrounding residential areas

Existing park entry points to the north are well known and used by the community. However, the two key entry points along the southern edge of the park (marked “E” in Figure 1) are less used and will need access improvements to make them an attractive and welcoming entrance to the park.

The Lachlan Street connection can be easily improved by converting the northern footpath between South Dowling Street and Gadigal Avenue to a shared path linking to apartment buildings and the cycleway lining Gadigal Avenue.

The Dacey Road and Anzac Parade intersection is more complicated. However, there is sufficient width in the Anzac Parade road verge to construct a high quality shared path linking Moore Park South to Boronia Street, part of Randwick City’s 40km/h precinct.

F. Increased safety / priority path crossings of internal park roadways

BIKEast recommends that TfNSW approved priority crossings be installed across the two internal park driveways, one near the entrance to the Moore Park Golf Club off Cleveland Street, and the other across the proposed carpark access driveway off Dacey Avenue (see pages 39 and 40 in the above web link to TfNSW Supplement to AS1742).

G. Ensuring the safety of path users near dog off-leash areas

To ensure the safety of park path users all sealed paths within the park should be signed as “Dogs on Leash only”. The perimeter of the path adjoining the dog off-leash area (see “G” on Figure 1) should be fenced with a self closing gate at the entrance to the off-leash area. This is to minimise risk of collision.

Additional issues

Support for a Pump Track

BIKEast supports the installation of a Pump Track as a place for active recreation integrated into the natural parkland setting. This will provide all-ages recreational facilities, especially for young people to utilise free and physical activities.

More Bicycle Parking Facilities

BIKEast recommends the installation of bicycle parking rails/racks at all park attractions. Bicycle parking must accommodate all bikes, including larger family cargo bicycles, and be visible and accessible by smooth ramp access as well as be near facilities such as toilets and playgrounds.

Additional dual purpose trail routes

Please consider the installation of crushed gravel, meandering recreational “trail” routes used for running and more active biking, creating a wider range of activities for inner city residents and visitors to participate in.

Conclusion

We believe the benefits of active travel for community and worker health, as well as for reducing traffic congestion, are important to the local community, and should be captured in the planning processes going forward.

Thank you for taking the time to read our feedback.

MOORE PARK SOUTH – DRAFT ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

Name: Walk Sydney

Date received: 23 November 2025

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the Moore Park South: Draft Establishment Plan

1. Local streets for living (via slower streets, 30 km/h default speed)
2. Main streets that are delightful to walk along and access. (via more zebras, signal timing)
3. Urban planning with walking at the heart (superblocks, Low Traffic Neighbourhoods - but also mixed use, local schools ...)
4. Healthy, climate positive neighbourhoods (or version thereof including shading for heat, trees etc but also Dept of Health and local exercise).

Some responses:

1. Surrounding streets to parkland should have crossings at all points, Australian Standard footpaths, enough timing to allow slow pedestrians to cross, safe speeds to reduce motor vehicle injury.
2. Within the parklands, facilities to facilitate walking - toilets, seating, shade, even path to avoid trip hazards, design contrast for people with vision requirements.
3. Facilities for people with disabilities (esp low vision) to access the parklands, move around, and enjoy the space.
4. Opportunities for community connection, wellbeing.
5. Paths, especially shared paths must be Australian Standard width to allow enough space for eg. double pram passing both ways - to enable safety from people on bikes, in particular e-bikes.
6. Any crossings should provide priority to people on foot - including good visibility and raised / continuous crossings.
7. Good wayfinding cues to enable park users to travel to their destination - including maps and cues for people with low vision.
8. Good lighting to enable safety at night.

Thank you.

MOORE PARK SOUTH – DRAFT ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

Name: AFL NSW / ACT

Date received: 24 November 2025

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback.

The AFL has a significant presence in the Moore Park precinct across both community and elite forms of our games. Moore Park is the home of the Sydney Swans AFL and AFLW programs – with home games at the SCG, training at Tramway Oval, and headquarters at the Royal Hall of Industries. At the community level, Bat and Ball Oval within Moore Park South is home to the Moore Park Tigers Junior Australian Football Club, UTS Bats, Sydney Swans Academy male and female programs and plays host to a year-round social AFL Nines competition. To accommodate the surging demand for our game, we run AFL social and junior products all seasons in Centennial Parklands green space.

The AFL is broadly supportive of the Moore Park South Establishment Plan. However, we have a number of key recommendations regarding the identified Community Sports Field located within the proposed new spaces.

We fully support the provision of spaces that cater for multiple uses and different sports and are designed to maximise utilisation and promote a safe and welcoming environment. It is our belief that the community sports field should be oval shaped, rather than rectangular, to allow for flexibility of use into the future. As a code, we work with likeminded user groups to maximise utilisation of greenspace across the city. Some examples include Henson Park in Marrickville (shared between AFL and Rugby League) or John Fisher Park in Curl Curl (shared between AFL and Hockey). We believe spaces that can support multiple community clubs allows a venue to be used more frequently by a more diverse range of participants.

Additionally, the delivery of Field 2 should include at a minimum

- Playing field lighting to a minimum 100 lux to allow for maximum utilisation
- Appropriate changerooms and amenities for players and officials
- Covered area for spectators and parents
- Public toilet facilities.

There are only 2 fields available for community use across Moore Park and Queens Park that have appropriate lighting for evening activity, resulting in this significant greenspace being heavily underutilized during the winter months. Lighting allows for flexibility of activity, provides a safer environment both for players and passive users, and addresses the desperate need for after dark playing fields felt by all community sporting groups in Sydney's east.

The provision of changerooms and covered areas is critical to support community sporting

volunteers who run local sporting clubs and provide a sense of place for players, families and spectators.

Pedestrian access across Moore Park is challenging, and we are supportive of the included active transport pathways to facilitate ease of movement through Moore Park South towards Centennial Park and the Stadium Precinct. While the plan includes new paths to assist east/west movement through the park, all of these paths terminate at a single signaled pedestrian crossing at Anzac Parade and Cleveland St. Consideration should be given to how pedestrians will move through this area during large events at the Stadium Precinct.

The Moore Park South Establishment Plan provides a once in a generation opportunity to ensure that Moore Park continues to serve the needs of the entire Sydney community for decades to come, and as a key stakeholder in the precinct we are excited to work with you to bring this opportunity to life.

Thank you for your consideration of our submission. Please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss further.

MOORE PARK SOUTH – DRAFT ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

Name: Alliance of Moore Park Sport (AMPS)

Date received: 1 December 2025

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback.

Thank you for facilitating a briefing by GSP Management and consultants to AMPS and for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Draft Establishment Plan (Plan) for Moore Park South.

Many AMPS members are long-standing tenants and/or hirers of buildings, sports fields, and open spaces within Moore Park through Greater Sydney Parklands (GSP), and we welcome the continued focus on improved access, connectivity, and outcomes for sport.

Support for a New Community Sports Field

We strongly support the proposed inclusion of a new community sports field (Field 2) within the Moore Park South precinct. Demand for accessible, high-quality open space for organised sport continues to significantly exceed supply across the Eastern Suburbs, and the addition of a Field 2 is critical to addressing oversubscription and accommodating growing participation.

To ensure the new field can operate safely, equitably, and to its maximum community benefit, the Plan needs to provision a facility that includes:

- A playing surface with adequate drainage, irrigation and a drought-tolerant couch grass.
- A fit-for-purpose amenities building, with gender-neutral changerooms, storage, referee facilities, accessible public amenities and a covered area for spectators and parents.
- Energy-efficient LED sports field floodlighting to 100 lux, compliant with Australian Standards, to maximise safe evening and winter capacity.
- Universal design principles to support people of all ages, genders, and abilities, and the safe integration with adjacent passive recreation and other activities, such as golf.

A facility designed in this way would provide equitable access for junior boys and girls, adults, volunteers, officials, and participants from all backgrounds.

Growing Participation and Demonstrated Social Impact

The Eastern Suburbs is home to a growing sporting community, driven in part by the expansion and success of women's sport and pathways programs for women.

Based on current population and participation trends, up to 80,000 women and girls across the Eastern Suburbs (City of Sydney, Woollahra, Waverley, Bayside and Randwick) now play organised sport — a figure that has grown significantly over the past decade as female participation continues to accelerate

These figures highlight not only the scale of participation but also the broader community, health, social inclusion, and economic benefits that local sport delivers.

Despite these outcomes, access to suitable facilities is crucial for ensuring their ongoing safety, dignity, and opportunities within the sport.

It should be noted that there are only two fields available for community use across Moore Park and Queens Park that have appropriate lighting for evening activity, resulting in this significant green space being heavily underutilised during the winter months. Lighting allows for flexibility of activity, provides a safer environment for both players and volunteers, and addresses the pressing need for after-dark playing fields felt by all community sporting groups in Sydney's east.

Improved Access and Connectivity Through Moore Park South

The proposed enhancements to pedestrian paths will substantially improve access and connectivity throughout Moore Park South. To ensure these routes are genuinely safe and usable, all key corridors must be supported by floodlighting and appropriate safety lighting. With significant population growth projected to the south and west of Moore Park, coupled with increased major event attendance, higher precinct activation, and night-time economy reforms, pedestrian safety must be a priority. In particular, the north-east corner of the park—adjacent to the historic Toll House—requires careful consideration, as it serves as a high-traffic area for patrons moving to and from sporting and music events within the Moore Park precinct.

Conclusion

The Draft Establishment Plan represents a significant opportunity to strengthen community sport and public open space in one of Sydney's most constrained and high-participation regions. In addition to strongly supporting the inclusion of Field 2, AMPS emphasises the importance of delivering modern, inclusive amenities and high-quality floodlighting to ensure the precinct can safely and effectively support growing participation.

Equally, improved access and connectivity through Moore Park South, particularly safe, well-lit pedestrian links and enhanced connectivity to key event routes, will be essential to maximising the precinct's community benefit. Ensuring safe movement for players, families, and event patrons will help future-proof Moore Park South as surrounding populations increase and precinct activation intensifies.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide feedback on this once-in-a-generation opportunity. We welcome continued collaboration with GSP as the Plan progresses. As a key stakeholder in the precinct, we are excited to work with you to bring this opportunity to life

MOORE PARK SOUTH – DRAFT ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

Name: Athletics NSW

Date received: 14 November 2025

1. INTRODUCTION

The establishment of the NSW Athletics Partnership between Little Athletics NSW (LANSW) and Athletics NSW (ANSW), the most significant change in our sport nearly 60 years, significant rise in recreational running participation nationally combined with the Sydney Marathon's elevation to Abbott World Marathon Majors candidacy, underscores the need for high-quality, connected public running and community sport infrastructure.

Moore Park South plays a critical role in this network, linking the traditional home of athletics at ES Marks, the Centennial Parklands pathways, local schools, and broader community recreation spaces. NSW Athletics strongly supports a design approach that is future-proofed, inclusive, safe, and aligned to the long-term activation of the precinct for passive users, social runners, structured community groups, and schools.

NSW Athletics welcomes the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed Establishment Plan for Moore Park South.

2. PRIORITISATION OF THE PERIMETER LOOP PATH / TRACK

2.1 Central to Activation of the Precinct

NSW Athletics strongly endorses the prioritisation of the proposed perimeter loop path/track as the first and foundational element of the precinct.

A continuous, high-quality loop:

- unlocks activation across all areas of the precinct
- supports passive users, active recreation, and structured community sport
- creates a safe and predictable movement corridor for runners, walkers, families and schools
- enables community groups, such as recreational running clubs, park-run, social fitness groups, and school cross-country programs, to operate in a coordinated and structured manner

The loop track is the “spine” of the precinct. Early delivery will maximise community benefit and reduce duplicated works in later phases

2.2 Technical Requirements

To ensure its long-term value and functionality:

- The loop track should be constructed to a minimum width of 5 metres, or wider where feasible. This will:
 - allow for anticipated future use

- minimise pinch points and overtaking risks
- support safe dual-direction use
- improve accessibility for families, schools, and event activation
- Surface treatment should be durable and safe for mixed uses, and ideally offer a softer or hybrid option for running groups.
- Connectivity to existing paths in Centennial Park and adjacent open space should be prioritised to ensure a seamless user experience.

3. SURFACE SPECIFICATION

NSW Athletics recommends that the loop path's surface specification be predominantly a compacted gravel track, drawing inspiration from the well-used "The Tan" loop in Melbourne's Botanic Gardens, around the Yarra River and Albert Park Lake.

- The Tan is highly popular with recreational runners, walking/running clubs and supports connectivity with the nearby lakeside athletics facility.
- At Moore Park South, with its analogous context (open parkland loop adjacent to an athletics venue (ES Marks Athletics Field) and within the broader Centennial Parklands network), a compacted gravel surface would:
 - provide a softer, joint-friendly running surface compared to asphalt, while maintaining durability for large-group use
 - be cost-effective and align visually with natural parkland landscaping
 - support multiple user groups (schools, clubs, recreational runners, walkers) without favouring one mode exclusively.

Adopting a well-tested surface type early will promote ease of activation, reduce long-term maintenance costs and align with user expectations drawn from proven loops like The Tan (see: runthetan.net).

4. SUPPORTING AMENITIES AND EVENT OVERLAY CONSIDERATIONS

To maximise community sport outcomes, NSW Athletics recommends applying an 'event overlay lens' to the placement, orientation and specification of amenities and supporting infrastructure.

Small, early adjustments to the planned location of:

- public toilets
- water bubblers and hydration points
- power and electrical access
- storage nodes
- hard-stand or gathering areas

will significantly reduce future retrofit costs and allow school carnivals, running groups and community clubs to more efficiently activate the site for events

These minor design considerations will deliver outsized benefits for community sport, especially for school cross-country, Little Athletics-style activations, inclusive community fun runs, and multi-sport events.

5. FUTURE-PROOFING AND STAGING

However, NSW Athletics recognises that the project must operate within finite resources and that a staged approach is prudent. Foundational infrastructure should include:

- the full perimeter loop track
- basic utilities
- connectivity to existing pathways
- safe entry/exit points

Future stages should incorporate:

- lighting for safety (with strong alignment to Run Her Way insights on women's safety and evening participation)
- expanded amenities
- event-ready power/water access nodes
- shade and seating
- landscaping adjustments to separate users and reduce conflict

6. GROWTH OF RUNNING AND ATHLETICS – NATIONAL AND STATE CONTEXT

The redevelopment of Moore Park South is occurring at a time of significant and sustained growth for athletics and running in NSW:

- NSW Athletics membership has expanded under the NSW Athletics Partnership, delivering a single pathway, unified competition structure and coordinated opportunities for young athletes through to adult recreational runners.
- Recreational running participation has risen sharply nationwide, accelerated by postpandemic behaviour shifts and increased community interest in fitness and mental wellbeing.
- Sydney has become a global running destination, exemplified by the Sydney Marathon's elevation toward Abbott World Marathon Majors status, generating unprecedented demand for safe, high-quality running routes for training and community activation.
- The growth in school participation, particularly school cross-country, reinforces the need for publicly accessible running routes suitable for large groups during school hours.

The Moore Park South precinct is uniquely positioned to support this long-term growth for both structured athletics and recreational running.

7. ALIGNMENT WITH THE MOORE PARK SOUTH MASTERPLAN AND ATHLETES' TRADITIONAL HOME

Athletics NSW welcomes the opportunity to collaborate on future updates to the Moore Park South Masterplan and the overarching Plan of Management

7.1 Activation of the ES Marks Precinct

ES Marks Athletics Field remains the historical and cultural home of athletics in NSW. The spaces immediately adjacent to ES Marks, including the currently disused former day-care centre, offer significant potential for:

- athlete warm-up and training zones
- community running hub or events node
- volunteer and officials' support spaces
- accessible storage for community running groups
- partnerships with health, rehabilitation or sports-science services
- youth engagement or school sport and school athletics activation programs

Integration of these spaces with the loop track will enhance the precinct's role as a centre for athletics and recreational running in NSW.

7.2 Connectivity Between Traditional Athletics and Recreational Running

Athletics NSW emphasises that the precinct master planning should consider the full spectrum of users, including:

- casual walkers and social runners
- running groups, park-run and recreational clubs
- school sport and cross-country programs
- Little Athletics centres
- track & field users transitioning between ES Marks and the open space surrounding Moore Park South

Connectivity, safety and accessibility should be central to long-term planning decisions.

8. CONCLUSION

NSW Athletics supports the Establishment Plan for Moore Park South and advocates strongly for:

1. **Prioritisation of the perimeter loop path/track** as the foundational element of the precinct.
2. **A minimum 5-metre path width** and future-proofed design that includes a **compacted gravel surface** modelled on Melbourne's The Tan.
3. **Event-aware placement of amenities** to support community sport and reduce future retrofit costs.
4. **Future stages incorporating lighting and safety enhancements**, particularly aligned to female participation data and Run Her Way insights.
5. **Masterplan updates** that recognise the traditional home of athletics, connect ES Marks more effectively to the precinct, and consider new opportunities for the adjacent disused facilities.
6. **A precinct vision that encompasses passive users, social runners, structured community sport, schools, clubs and recreational running groups alike.**

NSW Athletics appreciates the opportunity to contribute to this process and looks forward to ongoing collaboration to ensure that Moore Park South becomes a vibrant, inclusive, safe, and future-ready home for running, athletics, and community sport.

MOORE PARK SOUTH – DRAFT ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

Name: Eastern Suburbs Football Association (ESFA)

Date received: 20 November 2025

The Eastern Suburbs Football Association (ESFA) appreciates the opportunity to provide a submission on the proposed vision and establishment plan for **Moore Park South**. As the governing body for community football across the eastern suburbs and inner city, and representing more than **10,000 registered participants**, ESFA has a direct and long-standing interest in the provision, quality and accessibility of community sporting infrastructure.

Support for Expanded Parkland and Community Recreation Outcomes

ESFA strongly supports the transformation of Moore Park South into an expanded public parkland. The inner city and eastern suburbs face well-documented and increasing pressure on open space due to sustained population growth. The proposed vision appropriately prioritises accessible, flexible and high-quality open space capable of supporting a broad range of community recreation needs.

The emphasis on creating safe and welcoming spaces for families, young people and diverse user groups aligns with ESFA's commitment to inclusive community participation in sport.

Community Sports Field Provision

ESFA is particularly encouraged by the inclusion of a **community sports soccer field** within the establishment plan. This provision is critical to addressing substantial unmet demand for accessible playing space within our region. Many ESFA-affiliated clubs do not currently have sufficient dedicated facilities to accommodate participation levels, despite football being one of the most rapidly growing sports across juniors, senior men and women and its popularity with multicultural communities.

With more than **10,000 participants engaged in organised football on a weekly basis**, the shortfall in suitable fields significantly impacts the delivery of safe, equitable and sustainable sporting opportunities. The incorporation of a community sports soccer field into Moore Park South represents a meaningful step toward alleviating this pressure and supporting the continued growth of community sport. ESFA would ensure this field is used as it is intended with availability and accessibility for the existing football community, while welcoming new participants to the sport.

MOORE PARK SOUTH – DRAFT ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

Name: Sydney Roosters

Date received: 23 November 2025

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Draft Establishment Plan for Moore Park South.

The Sydney Roosters, together with the Eastern Suburbs District Junior Rugby League (ESDJRL), which administers community rugby league across the region in partnership with New South Wales Rugby League, are strong supporters of the principles outlined in the draft Establishment Plan. We are long-standing and regular seasonal hirers of sports fields and open spaces within Moore Park through Greater Sydney Parklands, and we welcome the continued focus on improved access, community sport, and inclusion.

Support for a New Community Sports Field

We strongly support the proposed inclusion of a new community sports field within the Moore Park South precinct. Demand for accessible, high-quality open space for organised sport continues to exceed supply across the Eastern Suburbs significantly, and the addition of a new field is critical to addressing oversubscription and accommodating growing participation.

To ensure the new field can operate safely, equitably, and to its maximum community benefit, the facility needs to include:

- A playing surface with adequate drainage and irrigation.
- A fit-for-purpose amenities building, with gender-neutral changerooms, storage, referee facilities, and accessible public amenities.
- Energy-efficient sportsfield floodlighting to 100 lux, compliant with Australian Standards, to maximise safe evening and winter training capacity.
- Universal design principles to support people of all ages, genders, and abilities.

A facility designed in this way would provide equitable access for junior boys and girls, senior community athletes, volunteers, officials, and participants from culturally diverse backgrounds.

Growing Participation and Demonstrated Social Impact

The Eastern Suburbs is home to a growing rugby league and touch football community with over 6,000 registered participants, driven in part by the expansion and success of the Sydney Roosters NRLW and female pathways programs.

Independent research undertaken by MI Global Partners valued the social impact of our support to 6,135 rugby league participants - predominantly children - at \$41.2 million in 2024-25. In addition, 2,216 Roosters volunteers delivered more than 807,000 hours of community service, creating an additional \$11.5 million in social value.

These figures highlight not only the scale of participation but also the broader community, health, social inclusion, and economic benefits that local sport delivers.

Current Facility Limitations

Despite these outcomes, access to appropriate sporting facilities remains a significant constraint for the District:

- The Paddington Colts Junior Rugby League Club, one of the district's longest-standing clubs, with 10 teams including girls and boys, men and women, does not have a home ground and hires space at Centennial Park each season.
- Our U15 and U17 Lisa Fiaola and Tarsha Gale pathway teams - representing the next generation of elite female athletes currently train on inadequate school sports fields, which lack compliant changerooms, lighting, and spectator safety features.

Paddington Colts: A Community Pillar

The Paddington Colts have a proud history dating back to the early 20th century, producing numerous representative players and fostering a strong culture of community engagement, inclusiveness, and player development. The club has contributed talent to both the Sydney Roosters' NRL and NRLW programs, and its growth mirrors the broader rise of girls' rugby league and touch football in the region. Demand from female participants is accelerating, and appropriate facilities are critical to ensuring their ongoing safety, dignity, and pathways through the sport.

Opportunity for Shared Use and Partnership

The Roosters and ESDJRL would welcome the opportunity to partner with other complementary users to activate the proposed sports field and welcome new participants and families. A shared facility at Moore Park South would support juniors, women's programs, local schools and the broader community.

Subject to Board approval, and if necessary, we would also look favourably toward a financial contribution to ensure amenities and supporting infrastructure at the new sports field, helping to deliver a high-quality, community-focused *venue*.

It should be noted that there are only two fields available for community use across Moore Park and Queens Park that have appropriate lighting for evening activity, resulting in this significant green space being heavily underutilised during the winter months. Lighting allows for flexibility of activity, provides a safer environment for both players and volunteers, and addresses the pressing need for after-dark playing fields felt by all community sporting groups in Sydney's east.

Conclusion

The Draft Establishment Plan presents an important opportunity to future-proof community sport in one of Sydney's most constrained and high-participation regions. We strongly support the inclusion of a new sports field and emphasise the need for modern, inclusive amenities and floodlighting to ensure the facility serves the broadest possible community benefit.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide feedback. We welcome ongoing consultation and look forward to working collaboratively to enhance community sport opportunities within Moore Park South.

MOORE PARK SOUTH – DRAFT ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

Name: Robinson, Garry (CycleSydney)

Date received: 30 October 2025

Far more important than fleshing out the sports grounds, you need access to the parks to be seamless.

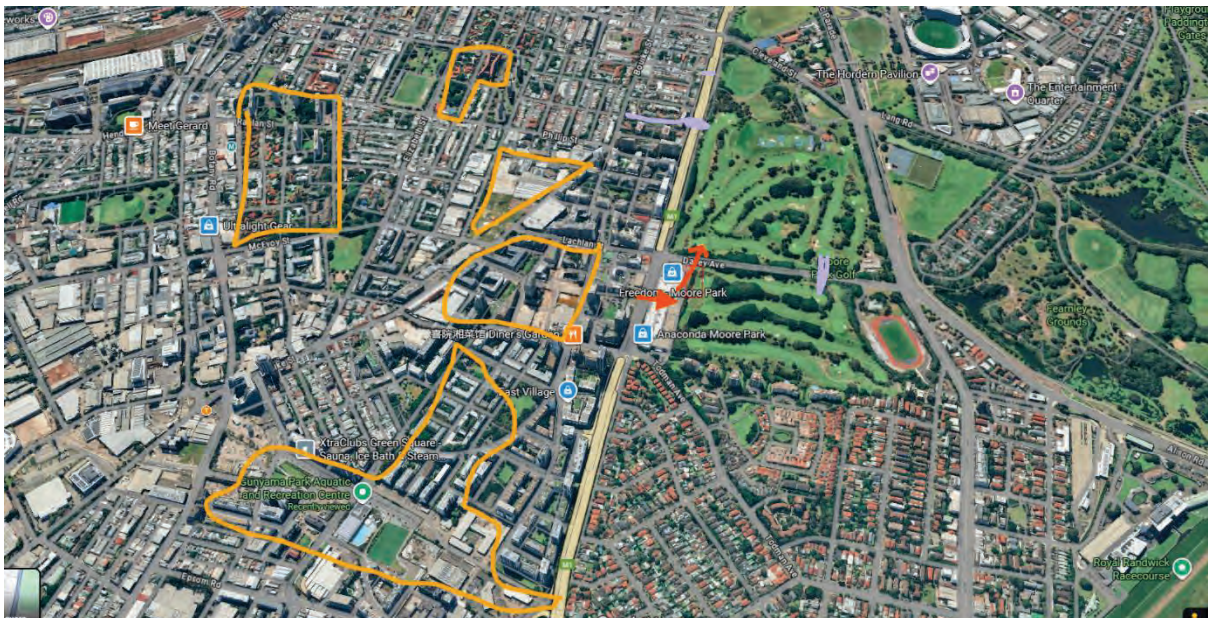
Under the current arrangement all the foot and bicycle traffic will be through the housing next to the old brewery. That is a pretty ordinary arrangement and it is no where near all the new building work and existing high density housing (Waterloo East and Zetland).

Yellow planned development

Purple existing access

Red – my idea, put a bridge across to the shops and then into the parks.

Another thing we should achieve is decent access to the eastern suburbs. The crossing of Anzac at Lang Rd is super busy now and really slow. Lots of cyclists do dangerous things to avoid waiting minutes. I also suggest a bridge from the hill in the park across Anzac also shown in red.



MOORE PARK SOUTH – DRAFT ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

Name: Nagle, Alicia (Zonely)

Date received: 24 November 2025

Submission Against Moore Park South Establishment Plan

This submission is on behalf of Alicia Nagle, the Founder and CEO, and the team at Zonely; an inclusive social golf club and platform offering access to golf and programs specifically designed for underrepresented groups like women, people of colour and lower socio-economic groups. We formally reject the proposal to reduce Moore Park Golf Course from 18 to a minimum of 9 holes to create new parkland. The proposed changes fail to acknowledge the vital role the existing 18-hole public golf course plays for a diverse community and the financial stability of the broader Centennial Parklands. The key themes for rejection are based on the course's unique accessibility, its significance to the golfing community, and its critical financial contribution.

Loss of Unique and Accessible Public Access (18 Holes)

Moore Park Golf Course is recognised as one of the most accessible and welcoming golf clubs in the world. It is also one of the busiest golf courses in Australia. It caters to all ages, genders, disabilities, and golf abilities due to its variety of golf options, central location, and affordability. Reducing the course to 9 holes will cause it to lose members and halve the available playing times. Most alternative nearby golf course options for those looking to switch or play 18 holes are private and therefore unaffordable and inaccessible for almost everyone who currently plays at Moore Park. This change will disproportionately affect people from lower socio-economic backgrounds, women, and juniors, as nearby private courses are expensive, exclusive, and often male-dominated. Moore Park has strong beginner, youth, disabled, and other disadvantaged group programs, helping make the facility the most welcoming golf club in Sydney. Zonely has created a Sydney-based inclusive golf community that thrives on access to 18-hole public courses and offers diverse people the chance to try golf. This is a game for everyone, and members regularly play at Moore Park Golf Course. Members are of all ages, genders, abilities, and backgrounds, and golf brings people together under the principles of kindness, respect, and fun.

Significant Financial Risk to Centennial Parklands

Moore Park Golf currently generates approximately \$7 million in annual income for Greater Sydney Parklands (GSP). This contribution represents around 68% of the Trust's net income and is used to fund the broader Centennial Parklands precinct. Losing this significant revenue from one of Australia's busiest courses, which hosts approximately 100,000 rounds of golf annually, could create a major funding shortfall for parkland maintenance. While the government has committed \$50 million for the establishment of the new park and reconfigured golf course, a business case has warned that an overhaul could cost taxpayers up to \$245.8 million.

Existing Parkland and Alternative Solutions

The area is already served by Centennial Parklands and other unused green spaces that provide existing open recreational space. International alternatives exist, such as adopting a “dual-use” model similar to St Andrews golf course, which closes every Sunday for community parkland access. This allows shared use while maintaining the golf course in its current 18-hole configuration.

Conclusion

Moore Park Golf Course is a unique, affordable, and inclusive sporting facility and a vital revenue generator for Centennial Parklands. The proposed reduction to 9 holes presents a significant financial risk and will negatively impact the diversity and accessibility of public golf recreation in the area. The government is urged to reconsider the plan or explore alternatives, such as a dual-use model, that maintain the integrity of the 18-hole course.

MOORE PARK SOUTH – DRAFT ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

Name: Adams, Deb

Date received: 11 November 2025

I wish to object to this plan on the basis of the removal of the 18 hole golf course and the over abundance of land allocated to dog parks. If the plan is to support growth, then the golf course should be increased not decreased. This plan clearly shows a bias against golf and toward dog parks.

In my earlier objection I asked for statistics on the hours that the existing dog parks in Moore Park are used however I was never provided with this information. It is clear from this plan that people are being encouraged to use the existing facilities which are only used before and after work whilst penalizing golfers.

This plan should address all needs. I note that the only sport to suffer in this plan is golf which shows a true bias against those of us who love the game and moved into the area to be able to use the first class course into our retirement.

MOORE PARK SOUTH – DRAFT ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

Name: Andrews, Sean

Date received: 19 November 2025

I am a very avid golfer, based in Port Stephens NSW. I travel down to Sydney at least twice a month and play Moore Park Golf Course often. I have seen hundreds of new faces there all the time, using both the golf course & driving range facilities.

I am very concerned about the proposal to cut Moore Park Golf by 20 hectares. Moore Park is one of the few affordable 18 hole public courses near the CBD and reducing it to 9 holes will reduce capacity by 60% - a huge impact to the golfing community as one of the most used courses in the country.

The draft design appears inefficient and lacking in golf course design expertise. Several holes present clear safety risks and would require extensive fencing. The plan also does not address the site's topography or demonstrate innovative public golf design thinking and most importantly the needs of current and future golfers and public park users.

The argument of 'creating more parkland' is not good enough. You have Centennial Park around the corner which is bigger than MPGC by 20% more at least, and this park is underutilised.

I fully support the Alternate Proposal submitted to the NSW Government by the Save Moore Park Collective. It shows that both an 18 hole public course and new public park and recreation infrastructure can transform Moore Park South to meet community needs. My ask of you is to work with the Collective and other experts to explore this design for future generations to enjoy.

Moore Park Golf serves more than half a million visitors annually and is a critical asset for affordable recreation and both community connection and health. Public golf demand is growing and reducing the course would negatively and severely impact many peoples lives. Again - I ask the NSW Government to work with Golf Australia and qualified golf architects - as well as the wider golf community to design a safer more innovative and responsive park that retains as much playable golf as possible and delivers the best outcome for both golfers and the community.

Thank you for considering my submission.

MOORE PARK SOUTH – DRAFT ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

Name: Antonakis, Con

Date received: 19 November 2025

I play at Moore Park golf course on a monthly basis. I couldn't imagine it not being available to me. It is such an amazing golf course!. Please do not cut it's size down!.

I am a public golf course user and am very concerned about the proposal to cut Moore Park Golf by 20 hectares.

Moore Park is one of the few affordable 18 hole public courses near the CBD and reducing it to 9 holes will reduce capacity by 60% - a huge impact to the golfing community as one of the most used courses in the country.

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MOORE PARK SOUTH – DRAFT ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

Name: Arcidiacono, Michael

Date received: 30 October 2025

My submission is: The draft plan as proposed is inferior to the plan proposed by the operators of the PUBLIC golf course that opens public space and retains the full PUBLIC golf course.

Please, drop this plan and consider the alternative plan, which is far superior.

The operators of the PUBLIC golf course have maintained a spectacular green space and are willing to share what they have to and compromise. Why do you insist on destroying the only PUBLIC golf course in this part of the city, an exercise facility open to all?????

MOORE PARK SOUTH – DRAFT ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

Name: B, Nick

Date received: 10 November 2025

I attended the pop-up consultation event at the Bat & Ball Oval on 9 November 2025 and found the information provided by the team very useful.

I've been a Redfern resident for over 20 years and, in all truth, I'm not really bothered if this proposal goes ahead or not. But as the decision has been made, here's my tuppence worth:

Dedicated cycle lane, the proposed active transport link that goes through the middle of the park (number 6 on the Establishment Plan map) should be for pedestrians and small kids only, with a dedicated cycle 'highway' going around the perimeter of the park (i.e. along South Dowling Street and Cleveland Street). Very few commuters will use the route between Centennial Park and the Zetland area, and the majority of cyclists will be those heading to/from Centennial Park for exercise purposes, most likely at speed to record a decent Strava time. By giving dedicated cyclists a priority route around the park, it will reduce conflict with the more passive / slower users in the middle of the park. As a side note, I witness cyclist/pedestrian conflict all the time at the Bat & Ball Oval where cyclists opt to speed through the middle of the park rather than go around the outside, so suggest similar restrictions are implemented in this area too.

Reduction of car park size, is if, as was pitched to me at the pop-up event on Saturday, the majority of future users will be parents and small children from the Zetland area who will arrive on foot, then a 50-space car park seems excessive and contradictory to the objective of increasing green space. I get the accessibility requirement, but let's try to keep cars out of this park as much as possible. The car park should allow for accessibility parking, amenities servicing, and the odd drop off/pick up spaces for the sports field. I'd like to think that the project has a good understanding of who will use the future sports field and how they intend to get there before the car park design and capacity is confirmed. Make them bike in, I say!

Bike maintenance facilities, pumps, tools etc. must be included at one or two locations.

Construction staging, this project will be tough on the golfers, so ensure that construction staging allows for a 9-hole course to remain open at all times.

Driving range, allow the driving range to operate 24/7 as there are no residents within spitting distance.

MOORE PARK SOUTH – DRAFT ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

Name: Babazogli, Albert

Date received: 30 October 2025

I would like to confirm my previously voiced opinion that this plan should not proceed, and Moore Park Golf Course should remain an 18 hole facility. It provides public access for golfers and is one, if not the busiest golf course in Sydney. Further to this, reducing the golf course to 9 holes in lieu of providing public green space is unnecessary as there is ample, under utilised public green space next to the golf course. This has been confirmed by locals and observers. I have seen the proposed 9 hole layout and its unsuitable for high traffic golf. It also creates risk to the non-golfing public, unless large, expensive and intrusive netting is installed.

This plan is a disgrace and should not be approved. Perhaps green space for residents should have been considered before building plans were approved.

MOORE PARK SOUTH – DRAFT ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

Name: Bain, Albert

Date received: 21 November 2025

I am disappointed it has come to me needing to do this and that poor government planning is taking away one of the most utilised public sporting facilities in the world.

I am a public golf course user and am very concerned about the proposal to cut Moore Park Golf by 20 hectares.

Moore Park is one of the few affordable 18 hole public courses near the CBD and reducing it to 9 holes will reduce capacity by 60% - a huge impact to the golfing community as one of the most used courses in the country.

The draft design is inefficient and lacking in golf course design expertise. Several holes present clear safety risks and would require extensive fencing. The plan also does not address the site's topography or demonstrate innovative public golf design thinking and most importantly the needs of current and future golfers and public park users.

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Moore Park Golf serves more than half a million visitors annually and is a critical asset for affordable recreation and both community connection and health. Public golf demand is growing and reducing the course would negatively and severely impact many peoples lives.

Again - I ask the NSW Government to work with Golf Australia and qualified golf architects - as well as the wider golf community to design a safer more innovative and responsive park that retains as much playable golf as possible and delivers the best outcome for both golfers and the community.

Thank you for considering my submission.

MOORE PARK SOUTH – DRAFT ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

Name: Baker, Zachery

Date received: 21 November 2025

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I personally attended there (travelling from VIC) in February this year, it is an iconic course that should withstand the test of time.

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MOORE PARK SOUTH – DRAFT ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

Name: Banbury, David

Date received: 19 November 2025

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Name: Beard, Matthew

Date received: 10 November 2025

I am writing to raise my concerns, disappointment and overall dissatisfaction with the proposed plan put forward for the Moore Park South Establishment plan.

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Just this morning I played a round with a friend (someone I met at the course and have become friends with as a result) and two ladies who we met for the first time. This type of interaction would never have occurred without Moore Park golf course. The course promotes health and fitness and supports community interaction.

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Name: Beasley, Graham

Date received: 24 November 2025

I would just like to say the reduction of the golf course to nine holes is probably the dumbest of ideas anyone has ever conceived.

The amount of public open space in Moore Park, Centennial Park and Queens Park is easily sufficient to cater for the resident's recreational needs. There is over 250 hectares of open space already accessible but no other public golf course in the local area.

The current 18-hole golf course generates a lot of income to help maintain the precinct.

Please reconsider the reduction to nine holes.

MOORE PARK SOUTH – DRAFT ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

Name: Beilby, Michael

Date received: 21 November 2025

Having worked in Centennial park for a number of years (Conservation Volunteers as State manager) I know the area and facilities very well.

I would often go to the driving range at lunchtime to practice, and played the course several times. I note it was always busy !

I am very concerned about the proposal to cut Moore Park Golf by 20 hectares, I disagree with the proposal and I believe it will cause loss of amenity for the city, rather than improve it.

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Name: Blair, Chris

Date received: 11 November 2025

I am in favour of the overall project.

In terms of the nature area, I understand that the Eastern Suburbs Banksia scrub habitat is a fraction of what it was. I am not sure if it was in this location originally but if it was, I hope the project prioritises re-establishing a small forest to support this wildlife community.

MOORE PARK SOUTH – DRAFT ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

Name: Blanch, Glen

Date received: 18 November 2025

I am writing as a public golf course user to express my strong opposition to the proposal to remove 9 holes and take 20 hectares from Moore Park Golf.

Moore Park is one of the very few affordable 18-hole public golf courses accessible to the CBD. Cutting it in half would slash capacity by around 60% — an extreme and unjustified move that would damage one of the most used and valued public golf facilities in Australia.

The justification that this land is needed for “more public open space” is simply not credible. There are already multiple large-scale opportunities for new public parkland in the immediate area — including the vast expanses of Centennial Park, the surrounding green corridors, the newly created parklands at South Dowling Street, and several underutilised precincts within the Entertainment Quarter. It is entirely unnecessary to sacrifice an established, heavily used recreational facility when alternative sites for new open space already exist close by.

Most importantly, it ignores the needs of current and future golfers and the wider community who rely on this facility.

I fully support the Alternate Proposal prepared by the Save Moore Park Collective. Their work demonstrates that Moore Park South can accommodate both a full 18-hole public course and expanded public park and recreation infrastructure. This approach is far more balanced, more forward-thinking, and far more respectful of the needs of the community.

Moore Park Golf attracts more than half a million visitors every year. It is a critical public asset that provides affordable recreation, supports community wellbeing, and delivers lasting social, physical, and mental health benefits. Reducing the course would severely and negatively affect thousands of people who rely on this facility — at a time when demand for public golf continues to grow.

Once again, I strongly request that the NSW Government work directly with Golf Australia, accredited golf architects, and the wider golf community to deliver a safer, smarter, and more effective plan — one that preserves as much playable golf as possible and truly serves both golfers and the broader public.

MOORE PARK SOUTH – DRAFT ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

Name: Blanchard, Helene

Date received: 3 November 2025

As a resident of Randwick, I completely support providing broader access to the entire Moore Park area rather than maintaining a full 18-hole golf course.

I believe that retaining a 9-hole course is sufficient, allowing the rest of the park to remain accessible to the community while preserving valuable green space for everyone's enjoyment.

MOORE PARK SOUTH – DRAFT ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

Name: Boncompagni, Luke

Date received: 20 November 2025

I am a public golf course as well as a passive recreation user who visits the Parklands nearly daily and am very concerned about the proposal to cut Moore Park Golf by 20 hectares.

Moore Park is one of the few affordable 18-hole public courses in central Sydney and reducing it to 9 holes will reduce capacity by 60% at time when we need to be encouraging people of all ages and backgrounds to participate in physical activity.

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Name: Boys, Warwick

Date received: 19 November 2025

Why don't you listen to the community?

Your community survey clearly revealed that of the 8,240 people randomly chosen by you through all of your various methods of gathering information (pop-ups, on-line, etc) when you asked what people wanted from the park, 55% said 18-holes of golf. That's right, THE MAJORITY of respondents want 18-holes of golf. So why on earth are you proposing to cut the course in half?

In the same community survey, when you asked what community based sport should be included, of the 5,280 respondents, 62% wanted an 18-hole golf course retained. 62% !!!! These are your numbers, from your community feedback survey.

The community has spoken but you're not listening. Don't you represent the community and their needs? Or are you some higher power who dictates what the community wants because we are somehow too stupid to understand our own needs?

History is important for a reason it teaches us

Below is the history of the sports that are FULLY catered for in the surrounding hectares of the Centennial Parklands Trust land and their history:

Netball started in 1901 (120 years)
Rugby League started in 1895 (130 years)
Basketball started in 1891 (130 years)
Rugby Union - Started in 1871 (150 years)
Tennis Started in 1873 (150 years)
AFL started in 1859 (160 years)
Soccer started in 1863 (160 years)
Cricket started in 1744 (430 years)
Golf started in 1450 (570 years)

All of the above sports are catered for by Centennial Parklands Trust in their full format because the land allows. None of them are being asked to reduce their format to cater for more parkland. Golf is played over 18 holes and has been for centuries. To even suggest it be played over 9 holes and that is somehow acceptable is an insult to the 550,000 people that come to play golf at Moore Park Golf Course every year. Golfers deserve to have their

sport honoured in the same way as all the other sports. We are members of the public the same as the other sports. Our sport has traditions that extend far longer and in far greater numbers (3.5 million Australians play golf see Golf Australia) than any other sport you cater for. The health benefits to the community from playing golf are undeniable (Golf Australia [community_benefits_of_golf_in_australia_report__2023_.pdf](https://www.golfnsw.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Golf-in-NSW-Community-Impact-Study-Final49.pdf) and Golf NSW <https://www.golfnsw.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Golf-in-NSW-Community-Impact-Study-Final49.pdf>), proven over an extremely long time, and save the government a fortune in health costs. It is a sport played cradle to grave, unlike AFL, soccer, rugby, cricket, etc. Golfers play into their 80s, 90s and even their 100s. They start at the putting green at Moore Park Golf course at 2-3 yrs old and they develop their game, friendships and skills through coaching and short game facilities. The junior program helps them learn, so they can eventually play the full format, all 18 holes. They play with their friends as well as with golfers of all ages. It is the community coming together to play a single sport. Parents play with their children; grandparents play with their grandchildren. It is unique in that possibility. Strangers become friends over the 4 hours they play a sport they all love, together.

The community shows government what good planning looks like

The submission by Save Moore Park Golf Course (see below) is a fully integrated plan that caters for ALL of the suggested community needs, including the most popular and therefore the highest priority, that being retaining an 18-hole golf course. The comparison to the paint splatter plan provided by NSW Government's consultants is stark indeed (see below).

SMPGC's is well-considered, detailed and cohesive. The Government's plan has no cohesion and simply looks like ideas were thrown at the area to fill it up. A prime example of this is the sports field, sitting in the middle of the park. Why? There are already dozens and dozens of sports fields around the area, including in the Moore Park area, all with parking and easy access. How do you propose people get to your isolated sports field? That's right, you're planning on taking up green space with car parking !!! You can't be serious. Your plan is so poorly presented and so clearly slapped together with little or no thought, it still has a golf hole clearly illustrated along South Dowling Street. Are you proposing golfers play/practice on that hole whilst people have picnics and work out at the fitness station? It's ridiculous, embarrassing and insulting to the community that you'd even propose such a pathetically developed plan. You clearly aren't capable of even putting a plan together properly, so how can you be trusted to execute a redevelopment in reality.

MOORE PARK SOUTH – DRAFT ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

Name: Brightling, Anne

Date received: 3 November 2025

It is hard to understand how Clover Moore has no understanding of what the reduction of Moore Park means to golfers using a public facility. The opportunity to play elsewhere in Sydney especially the Eastern suburbs is negligible. Private courses are not just expensive but have long waiting lists so is almost impossible to join another club. Have they even looked at the alternatives?

With health and mental well being at the fore front of everyone's minds, golf is an amazing sport of skill, camaraderie and commitment. The personal skills that golfers require are integrity, respect and diligence. Skills that are in very short supply in most everyday situations.

The people who use Moore Park are the ones that are doing it very tough, working hard, law abiding and paying commercial rents as home ownership is out of reach for most.

Nine holes of golf on paper may seem an easy compromise, but most people will not make the effort to spend 5 hours to play 9 holes when the demand will be so high. Hard to maintain handicaps and even harder to play representative sport, which is in the DNA of most Australians.

Others green space that is deemed necessary for residents close by should have been thought about before permission was given to dozens of apartment blocks that are sub-standard on their build. I live at Mascot and the apartment built by Meriton has many issues. One major one being that the air conditions system is not fit for the number of users! How could this have happened?? Saving money and no checks and balances to ensure the environmental impact is correct!

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MOORE PARK SOUTH – DRAFT ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

Name: Britton, Susan

Date received: 23 November 2025

I would like to express my opposition to the proposed changes to Moore Park Golf Course for a number of reasons.

Many of the proposed facilities already exist. Reading through the Establishment Plan there are proposals for Community sports fields - many of these already exist in the other areas of Moore Park near the tennis courts, in between Anzac Parade & Driver Ave, in the area between Anzac Pde & Sth Dowling St. & in Centennial Park.

Playgrounds - again in Centennial Park & Queens Park

Walking, running, cycling paths & trails - there are lots in Centennial Park

Picnic areas & park furniture - again so many in the above mentioned areas.

Passive recreation & being in nature - Centennial Park alone caters very extremely well for passive recreation, as well as many other opportunities in the existing park areas

While it sounds lovely to have all these facilities will the usage of these areas match the use of the golf course which is used from early morning to dusk & available 364 days a year excepting wet days when very little of the above facilities would be used anyhow?

Looking at all the pretty pictures in the Establishment plan, there are no older people. This plan appears to be catering to younger people & not the older demographic. Older people probably do not want to join groups playing soccer or rugby or riding their bikes in a pump track.

Golf caters to senior members of our community

With an ageing population, the needs of the more senior members of our community also need to be considered Golf is a sport than can be played well into our 90s thereby providing an interest for seniors & the elderly.

Golf provides a way to make new social contacts because it one can book in as an individual & play with others, as opposed to other sports that require groups of people.

Many older members of our community live alone, often because they are widowed & the social aspect of golf gives then a connection to other similar members of the community,

without which they would have very few social contacts Exercise & social contact is a well-known factor in helping to avoid dementia. Golf provides both exercise and socialisation. By restricting both those aspects of golf, the dementia risk is increased.

Golf is a sport for life. When available at an unaffordable price, it can provide sport for all ages, from teenagers right through the 90s.

Making golf less accessible will lead to golf becoming an elite sport & not for the average citizen. By reducing access to golf, it will become unaffordable for the majority of our community

While there are some nearby golf courses, most of them are very expensive to join & belong. This will have the effect of making golf a very elite sport only for the wealthier members of our community.

Many of the existing golf courses already have long waiting lists to join or the waiting list is closed. For instance, St Michaels Golf Course has a joining fee of \$17,700 & an annual subscription of just under \$5000. The Lakes has an entrance fee of \$42,000 & annual fee of \$7236. NSW & The Australian would be similar. Woollahra Golf Club's membership is currently full & the course is heavily booked by the public.

These are the main reasons that I feel that the proposal to reduce the golf course to a nine hole course is to the detriment of the community, particularly older people. Sadly once this decision is implemented it will be irreversible.

MOORE PARK SOUTH – DRAFT ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

Name: Brooks, Kevin

Date received: 4 November 2025

I was happy to read, in the Moore Park South Consultation document, that: "Renewed golf facilities will allow the public to enjoy different forms of the game and activate the space with short form (mini) golf..."

I was also interested to note, from the "What we heard" document:

"Suggestions to extend the golf offering and bring in new user groups under the 9-hole course proposal included:

- an enhanced driving range with additional infrastructure and technology to meet growing demand
- mini golf
- disc golf..."

I wondered why disc golf was not explicitly named in the former document, given the public desire for disc golf as noted in the latter.

Disc golf would be quite compatible with the published plans for the 9-hole course, as demonstrated by many venues around the world that host both traditional and disc golf, including recent installations in Marrickville and Sefton.

<https://www.marrickvillegolf.com.au/disc-golf>
<https://seftondiscgolf.com/>

At those locations, traditional golfers and disc golfers play side-by side in harmony. Tee locations are often shared, while the disc golfers stay off the traditional golf greens by having their "holes" (actually baskets) located to the side, exploiting natural obstacles such as trees to enhance the challenge.

The inclusion of disc golf facilities would increase use of the space and increase the diversity of activities without inconveniencing traditional golfers.

I hope that the public desire to include disc golf ("what we heard" document) and the intention to "allow the public to enjoy different forms of the game" (consultation document) can be reconciled - it could be a real win-win situation.

MOORE PARK SOUTH – DRAFT ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

Name: Brownson, Jacqui

Date received: 21 November 2025

I am a public golf course user and am very concerned about the proposal to cut Moore Park Golf by 20 hectares.

The decision to cut Moore Park to 9 holes is one of the worst decisions I have ever heard of around the Moore Park area.

Golf is an integral part of a lot of people's lives and it saves lives by contributing so much to research and development of many foundations through the many charity golf days held each and every day.

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MOORE PARK SOUTH – DRAFT ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

Name: Brumer, Leah

Date received: 24 November 2025

I am writing as a member of the public to express my deep anger, disappointment, and absolute opposition to the proposal to reduce Moore Park Golf Course from its historic 18-hole layout to a 9-hole course. I consider this proposal to be a short-sighted, unnecessary, and frankly disgraceful decision that risks destroying one of Sydney's most significant public sporting institutions.

1. Moore Park Golf Course is a cornerstone of public, accessible sport in Sydney

Moore Park Golf Course is not just any golf course. It is the oldest public golf course in Sydney, and uniquely, it remains one of the very few that is fully accessible by public transport. This is not an elite, members-only facility. It is a genuinely public sporting space, open to anyone who wishes to play regardless of income, background, age, or ability. To reduce such a rare and precious public resource flies in the face of the values of equity, inclusion, and accessibility that public land management should uphold.

2. A place of multicultural, intergenerational community

Unlike many private or semi-private golf venues, Moore Park Golf Course fosters an extraordinarily diverse, multicultural, intergenerational community.

On any given day, players from a vast array of cultural backgrounds young people learning the game, retirees maintaining social connections, families, students, shift workers, and new migrants share the course together.

There is genuinely no other golf course in the city that reflects Sydney's population in this way. It is one of the very few sporting environments where barriers simply fall away. To diminish this community by halving the course is to erode one of the most vibrant, democratic sporting spaces we have.

3. A legacy at risk

Moore Park Golf Course has a tremendous historical legacy, serving Sydneysiders for more than a century. Generations have learned the game here. Entire communities have been built around it. Its significance goes well beyond sport it is part of the living social fabric of this city.

The idea of reducing such a long-standing public icon to a compromised 9-hole layout

effectively stripping it of its full character and purpose is nothing short of cultural vandalism.

4. There is already extensive public parkland in the surrounding area

The argument that this land must be reclaimed for public open space rings hollow when the reality is that there is already an enormous amount of parkland surrounding Moore Park Golf Course, much of it underutilised or capable of improvement without destroying a functioning, well-used, and historically important public facility.

Sydney is not short of general parkland in this precinct what it is short of is accessible public golf, and particularly an 18-hole public course reachable without a car. Sacrificing the golf course does not create balance; it destroys it.

5. A profoundly misguided decision

Everything about this proposal feels ill-considered and unnecessary. It ignores history, dismisses community value, undermines accessibility, and disregards the thousands of people who rely on this facility for recreation, connection, and wellbeing.

Reducing Moore Park Golf Course to 9 holes will not activate the area. It will not meaningfully improve public amenity. What it will do is permanently damage a site that cannot be replaced elsewhere certainly not with the same accessibility or community spirit.

Conclusion

I urge those responsible to reconsider this decision immediately before an irreplaceable public asset and cultural legacy is partially destroyed in the name of a plan that does not reflect the needs, values, or desires of the community it claims to serve.

Moore Park Golf Course deserves protection, not dismantling. Its history deserves respect, not erasure. And the community that brings it to life every single day deserves better than this short-sighted and unnecessary downgrade.

I ask that this proposal be abandoned and that Moore Park Golf Course be maintained as the full 18-hole public facility it has been for over a century.

MOORE PARK SOUTH – DRAFT ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

Name: Buerckner, Brad

Date received: 24 November 2025

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

After years of walking Moore Park daily, it's obvious that the current maintenance model has failed the landscape. The routine herbicide reliance, poor species identification, ad-hoc spraying, soil decline and disturbance of wildlife habitat speak for themselves. These practices are well-established problems, and none of the contractors or personnel involved to date should have any role in the new park.

Moore Park South needs to be handed entirely to professional bush regenerators, people trained in ecological restoration, soil recovery, native plant identification and low-impact land care. Anything less will simply repeat the same degradation that has occurred under the previous regime.

The soils in the old golf course area have been chemically exhausted. They don't need more spray patches; they need recovery. Bush regenerators can deliver that. The existing contractor model cannot. This is a rare chance to reset the management of Moore Park. Continuing with any part of the old approach would be a mistake that will be difficult to defend later. A clean break and a bush-regeneration model is the only credible path forward.

Thank you for considering this submission.

MOORE PARK SOUTH – DRAFT ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

Name: Burg, Geoffrey

Date received: 22 November 2025

Firstly, I would like to communicate my personal disgust at any proposal to alter Moore Park Golf Course.

There is already adequate park space in the near vicinity and the costs do not justify the outcome.

The MPGC course and facilities is widely used and should be seen as a critical sporting facility not only for members but for our international visitors.

I am a Rate payer of the City of Sydney Council and will use my vote against any party that goes forward with the proposal.

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Name: Burgess, Robyn

Date received: 20 November 2025

I am a public golf course user and am very concerned about the proposal to cut Moore Park Golf by 20 hectares.

I would be disappointed to see golf in Australia become an elitist sport as it is in other countries. Moore Park is a public course which is open to anyone, unlike most of the courses in the eastern suburbs.

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I fully support the Alternate Proposal submitted to the NSW Government by the Save Moore Park Collective. It shows that both an 18 hole public course and new public park and recreation infrastructure can transform Moore Park South to meet community needs. My ask of you is to work with the Collective and other experts to explore this design for future generations to enjoy.

Moore Park Golf serves more than half a million visitors annually and is a critical asset for affordable recreation and both community connection and health. Public golf demand is growing and reducing the course would negatively and severely impact many peoples lives.

Again - I ask the NSW Government to work with Golf Australia and qualified golf architects - as well as the wider golf community to design a safer more innovative and responsive park that retains as much playable golf as possible and delivers the best outcome for both golfers and the community.

Thank you for considering my submission.

MOORE PARK SOUTH – DRAFT ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

Name: Burn, Fiona

Date received: 23 November 2025

I am writing to register my objection to the reduction of the Moore Park Golf course.

Public golf courses in Australia are being targeted constantly in the last decade because some people in the community have decided that if golf courses aren't for them then they shouldn't exist.

We are so lucky in this country that we provide golfing opportunities to everyone who is interested via publicly available golf courses.

Golf is the only sport I know of that men, women and children can all play and with each other at the same time. It is also a game that is able to be played by people with disabilities.

I played for a few years at Albert Park with a very good Japanese woman who was sad that her husband's job in Australia had come to an end and on her return to Japan her golf would only be played at golf ranges because golf is only for the very wealthy.

So many Australians, young and old, men and women, love golf. Please stop targeting golf by reducing the facilities that already exist. We do not want golf to end up like tennis where we are struggling to produce the next world champion because grass roots tennis is not what it used to be.

We have so many great men and women champions out there playing on the world stage. Young people who are all a credit to Australia and the game of golf in this country.

MOORE PARK SOUTH – DRAFT ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

Name: Burrell, Benjamin

Date received: 18 November 2025

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposal to reduce Moore Park Golf Course from 18 holes to a minimum 9-hole layout as part of the Moore Park South draft plan.

1. Loss of essential public golf access

Moore Park is one of the very few 18-hole public-access golf courses in inner Sydney, located only minutes from the CBD. Courses of this scale and accessibility are limited in the metropolitan area, and Moore Park provides an important opportunity for affordable, centrally located public golf.

2. Significant impact on participation and business viability

Current stakeholder and government data indicate that Moore Park Golf hosts 60,000–90,000 rounds of golf per year, the majority played by the general public and local residents.

Reducing the facility to 9 holes would effectively halve playing capacity, reduce tee-time availability, diminish its ability to host competitions, and directly undermine the business model that currently supports public-access golf at this scale.

Reducing the course to 9 holes diminishes its appeal significantly: golf is traditionally played as an 18-hole round, and that expectation is central to many players' decision to use a facility. Altering the format to 9 holes is therefore not simply a reduction in size — it changes the product, the behaviour, and the market. It is akin to converting full tennis courts into half-courts, where the experience, competitiveness, and attraction are fundamentally altered for regular users. This reduction risks discouraging participation and weakening the long-term viability of the venue.

3. Parkland already abundant—golf facilities are not

The surrounding precinct — Centennial Park, Moore Park, and multiple sporting fields — already provides extensive open green space for walking, picnics, passive recreation, and general public use.

What is *not* readily available in the inner city is an affordable, full-length public golf course, which serves a different and equally important community need. Removing a unique recreational asset to create more of what already exists in abundance is not balanced urban planning.

4. Course safety, design, and layout concerns

The draft 9-hole layout introduces compressed routing and constrained boundaries, which industry experts warn may compromise both golf-user safety and adjacent park-user safety.

It also reduces design quality and limits the course's capacity to function as a genuinely enjoyable, challenging, and safe public facility.

5. A more balanced alternative exists

I note the alternative 18-hole design proposed by the Save Moore Park Collective and golf industry stakeholders, which demonstrates that it is possible to retain an 18-hole public course while also increasing public green space and community facilities. This is a far more balanced solution and should be seriously explored in partnership with qualified golf architects and community stakeholders.

6. Community, health, and economic impacts

Moore Park Golf is an important public sports facility that supports local employment, junior programs, social groups, tourism, the driving range, and everyday recreation for thousands of residents. It is not a private club — it is a high-use public facility that enables affordable access to structured sport close to where people live and work.

Reducing the course to 9 holes risks diminishing these benefits and disproportionately impacts those who rely on accessible metropolitan recreation options.

Request

I respectfully ask that the NSW Government:

- Retain an 18-hole public-access golf course at Moore Park, or preserve as close to 18 holes as practical;
- Engage collaboratively with Golf Australia, Golf NSW, the Save Moore Park Collective, and qualified golf-course architects to develop a combined park-and-golf solution;
- Provide transparent modelling of demand, tee-time impacts, safety considerations, and business sustainability before any final decision is made.

Thank you for considering my submission. I appreciate the opportunity to contribute and ask that the views of regular public users are genuinely incorporated into the planning process.

MOORE PARK SOUTH – DRAFT ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

Name: Byrers, Gregory

Date received: 18 November 2025

I am a public golf course user and am very concerned about the proposal to cut Moore Park Golf by 20 hectares.

Moore Park is one of the few affordable 18 hole public courses near the CBD and reducing it to 9 holes will reduce capacity by 60% - a huge impact to the golfing community as one of the most used courses in the country.

The draft design appears inefficient and lacking in golf course design expertise. Several holes present clear safety risks and would require extensive fencing. The plan also does not address the site's topography or demonstrate innovative public golf design thinking and most importantly the needs of current and future golfers and public park users.

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Thank you for considering my submission.

PS. Paul Scully, I did not support you to have you go and give your support to this carve up of Moore Park Golf Course.

The alternate plans put forward by the collective are so much better for everyone, golfers and taxpayers

Thanks

MOORE PARK SOUTH – DRAFT ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

Name: Byron, Geoff

Date received: 12 November 2025

Please find attached my submission which opposes this fraudulent reclaiming of a public golf course, similar to the fraudulent decision regarding the placement of the Waterloo Metro Station.

I put it to the Premier of NSW Chris Minns, City of Sydney Council, and Lord Mayor, Clover Moore, the proposal to take away half of the Moore Park Golf Course, for the purpose of providing for the alleged, much needed open green space, for the city's growing population, has no merit, and the arguments put forward are poor, incomplete, and do not justify your proposal. I provide the following comments to justify my statement:

1. By 2040, there will be up to 100,000 additional people living in Zetland, Redfern and Waterloo within 2km of the Moore Park.

Your statistic above is truly believable, but only highlights the critical failures of the NSW State Government, City of Sydney Council and it's Mayor, Clover Moore, by failing to cause the necessary land to be set aside of the necessary large green parks required when approving the many large high rise, high density, residential apartment developments, along the southern corridor of Sydney. Clover Moore and her Council have allowed Developers to influence them when approving such developments, and together both Developers and this Council failed to provide for the necessary upgrades to our critical infrastructures, such as roads, services and parklands, all of which have been ignored.

It is apparent the Council is suggesting the small parks which are dotted throughout the southern corridor, are not meeting the demands of the ever-increasing population, including the many pets, we residents are allowed, all of which need exercising and toileting. These small parks become quickly overwhelmed and run down due to the heavy treatment they receive by dogs running and fetching, and being toileted on the green grass, along with children running, and adult foot traffic. Given the sandy soils in our area, it is obvious the soil gives way under foot, and the grass quickly becomes stressed and breaks down. Thus the need for larger parks in order to spread the load, and place less stress on the grassed areas has always been obvious. This failure is a result of the Council's poor planning, growing arrogance, and failing to act on the feedback provided by we residents. The Council provides the opportunity for consultation, but then refuse to listen to what we, the people, have requested and/or suggested.

The City of Sydney Council also altered the original plan of the Green Square Aquatic Centre and surrounding land, by reducing the amount of open green space in the form of walking/running tracks through a large tree lined park, along with open grassed areas for people to be seated, all of which was in the original plan. However, the large open green space as promised, has now been replaced by

double divided roadways, a plentiful of wide paved footpaths/courtyards, paved childrens' playground, with only a small sports oval now being provided.

The Moore Park Golf Course has been an important asset to the people of Sydney, and NSW, for over a century. It is well utilised by the people of NSW, being the third, most busiest public golf course within Australia. It was there long before the City of Sydney Council, and the Developers, decided to dramatically change the city's landscape, and develop the southern corridor of our city into a high rise, high density residential area. It is a fact, the reason why there are no large parks for the enjoyment of the residents along the city's southern corridor, is because of the critical failures of the City of Sydney Council, and the Mayor Clover Moore. Because of these failures, the Mayor, and her Council, are now suggesting the Moore Park Golf Course, and the people it serves, are no longer deserving of the land on which it stands, promoting the motion the golf course 'only services an elite few'. This only proves their ignorance of the game of golf.

2. Importance of large green areas: The City of Sydney is creating 40 parks and playgrounds as part of the Green Square urban renewal. However, small parks don't provide the same opportunity as large green spaces to stride out, relax and recharge, and connect with nature.

It is pleasing, through the above admission, the City of Sydney Council and it's Mayor Clover Moore, acknowledge their failure to set aside sufficient land for the purpose of creating larger parks along the southern corridor of Sydney, and meet the needs of the residents, and their pets. Instead, their poor planning, and panning to Developers, have only allowed for several smaller parks, all of which are failing to meet the increasing demands of the city's residents. It is a planning failure, and now they wish to rob the golfing community of their sport, in an effort to address these failures, which is reflective of another critical failure in their leadership, integrity and decency.

The larger parks required are needed in South Zetland, Green Square, Rosebery, Beaconsfield, and the parts of Alexandria, all of which are between one, to two kilometres from the proposed Moore Park Golf Course takeover. I suggest many of these residents would not have the time, and/or inclination, to walk or cycle, some one to two kilometres, through heavily trafficked streets, as to get to, and from the newly proposed parkland. What we, the residents require, are large parks, in close proximity and convenience to our residential complexes, which will allow us to come home from work, and take our pets down to the park for exercising and toileting, or our children to play and run, and for we adults to relax and connect with nature. There will be no parking provided at this new park, and your suggestion people are going to walk up to 2kms to get to this park is fanciful.

Your proposal also fails to make mention of the many hectare acres of already existing sparse, and open green parklands, that border the Moore Park Golf Course, including Edmond Resch Reserve, Moore Park, Moore Park West, Centennial Parklands and playing fields, Robertson Road Playing fields and parkland, all of which are interconnected and connect to the largest urban park in the southern hemisphere, Centennial Park. The walking, running, cycling, and skating through these parks extends for some 15 kms, not to mention the many playing fields, picnic areas, children playgrounds, and the many eateries that make up these parks. Your proposal fails to show where the section of the proposed Moore Park Golf Course takeover, sits amongst these surrounding parks. To do so, would show the insignificance of incorporating the 9 hole golf course into green open space, as

opposed the great indisposition this proposal would cause to the Australian Golfing Community.

In this proposal, the City of Sydney Council fail to provide the necessary factual information to support their claim on the land on which the Moore Park Golf Course sits, including:-

- (d) How many people frequent each of the parks nominated on any given day, week, year?
- (d) What is the agreed capacity of each park, and which organisation set this capacity
- (d) What is the definition of the term “packed’ as used by Clover Moore when describing the number of people that frequent these parks, and what is the number of people present in each of these parks at any one time, would constitute the park being ‘packed’?
- (d) What is the capacity of Centennial Park as published by the Centennial Park Trust , and have they ever suggested the park has reached capacity.

3. Putting public parklands to best use: Each year there are 31 million visits to Centennial Parklands while 100,000 rounds of golf are played at Moore Park. At any given time, the 18-hole golf course accommodates up to 80 golfers.

The statement above is in fact a ‘false truth’. It is well published the Moore Park Golf Course is the third most busiest golf course within Australia, and is therefore well utilised. I am unsure where the Council has obtained the above numbered statistics, as you have failed to identify your source, and I would question the accuracy of this statement. Further, your statement “*at any given time, the 18 hole golf course accommodates up to 80 golfers*” is true, but you failed to inform the public this number is for safety reasons, and which is a number formally adopted by all Golf Clubs given the nature of the game of golf. This is either a ‘false truth’, or an ignorance on the game of golf. Your failure to explain is being deceptive, and dishonest, to the public.

4. Golf courses in the area: There are 12 other golf courses in the inner city and eastern Sydney area.

This statement is another ‘false truth’ stated by the City of Sydney Council and it’s Mayor Clover Moore. Again, this statement is correct, but again, deceptive by excluding the factual information pertaining to those golf courses, and how they compare to that of the Moore Park Golf Course. The Mayor and her Council fail to name these golf courses, and have failed to make mention which of these golf courses are public, and which are private, and the high fees some of these golf clubs charge, to play a game of golf, and/or join the Golf Club. The costs of which, cannot be met by the average golfer. Moore Park Golf Course is a public Golf Course. It is open to all members of the public, and its playing fees are set at a reasonable cost, and thus its popularity.

Transport to, and from each if these 12 golf courses would be an issue, given the City of Sydney Mayor has caused the design of residential developments to limit private basement car park numbers, thus strongly discouraging car ownership. Carrying around a heavy bag of golf clubs on public transport is not always feasible, or practical.

5. Community need: Our last pandemic has reinforced how valuable parklands are for people to relax and recharge, connect with nature, exercise and socialise – especially for people living in high-density neighbourhoods.

This value has always been in existence, and communicated to the City of Sydney Council through numerous consultations with we, the residents. Your statement is suggesting the Council and Ms Moore have only now taken notice because of the Covid-19 Pandemic is an insult to we residents. It only proves how arrogant this council has become, and is no longer in touch with the people. The above statement is in fact offensive. The people trust their Council to act professionally, competently, ethically and with integrity, thus should have realised the value of large parklands, as opposed to small parklands, from day 1 of the planning phase of any Residential Development. I refer to my previous answers relating to the need for larger parks to be part of any city residential development, and not rely of reclaiming sports grounds for the purpose of providing for the failure of the CoS Council and its Mayor.

6. Other examples: Use of public land is being reconsidered in cities around the world. New public parkland is being created by opening up land previously reserved for golf at Victoria Park, Brisbane.

This statement is very broad, and non specific, and thus is meaningless. The land in Victoria Park, Brisbane, was set aside for a golf course. Thus the golf course did not exist, and had not been established, and was not well utilised by the public. Therefore I suggest it was reasonable for the land use to be reviewed, and subsequently redirected to become parkland. The Brisbane example provided has no bearing on this current proposal involving the resuming of land, on which the long established, popular, and well utilised, Moore Park Golf Course stands.

7. Lastly, fraudulent placement of the Waterloo Metro Station by the NSW State Government, and potential for an expansive parkland surrounding the proposed demolition of existing public housing and replacement with both affordable housing and commercial housing projects.

As reported by the Office of my local state Minister for Parliament, Ron Hoenig, the Waterloo Metro Station was fraudulently placed at its existing location, being only some 600 metres from Redfern Railway Station, for the sole reason of maximising the commercial value to the State owned land surrounding this station, on which existing high rise, high density public housing currently exists, and is earmarked for demolition and sold off to developers. This existing Metro Station was meant to be placed in the East Waterloo and East Zetland area to cater for the increased population and their transport needs. This was an example of fraudulent actions by our NSW State Government, and it appears this fraudulent activity is continuing. To cater for the population increase in the Waterloo area, both the State Government and City of Sydney Council should, when planning this area, include a large expansive park, which will cater for the needs on that population. In this case, this would alleviate the need for reclaiming the public Moore Park Golf Course. The reclaiming of Moore Park Golf Course is a reflection of lazy and incompetent planning by all concerned. I submit the 18 hole public golf course should be retained under the compromise offered by the Moore Park Golf Course Management, Submitted for information and favourable consideration.

MOORE PARK SOUTH – DRAFT ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

Name: Calderwood, William

Date received: 11 November 2025

I am a public golf course user and am very concerned about the proposal to cut Moore Park Golf by 20 hectares.

Moore Park is one of the few affordable 18 hole public courses near the CBD and reducing it to 9 holes will reduce capacity by 60% - a huge impact to the golfing community as one of the most used courses in the country.

The draft design appears inefficient and lacking in golf course design expertise. Several holes present clear safety risks and would require extensive fencing. The plan also does not address the site's topography or demonstrate innovative public golf design thinking and most importantly the needs of current and future golfers and public park users.

I fully support the Alternate Proposal submitted to the NSW Government by the Save Moore Park Collective. It shows that both an 18 hole public course and new public park and recreation infrastructure can transform Moore Park South to meet community needs. My ask of you is to work with the Collective and other experts to explore this design for future generations to enjoy.

Moore Park Golf serves more than half a million visitors annually and is a critical asset for affordable recreation and both community connection and health. Public golf demand is growing and reducing the course would negatively and severely impact many peoples lives.

Again - I ask the NSW Government to work with Golf Australia and qualified golf architects - as well as the wider golf community to design a safer more innovative and responsive park that retains as much playable golf as possible and delivers the best outcome for both golfers and the community.

Time to practise the concept of democracy and listen to to the voice of the people

Thank you for considering my submission.

MOORE PARK SOUTH – DRAFT ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

Name: Caldwell, Glenn

Date received: 19 November 2025

I am a golfer who uses the Moore Park facilities regularly and I'm extremely concerned about the proposal to cut Moore Park Golf by 20 hectares.

Moore Park is one of the few affordable 18 hole public courses near the CBD and reducing it to 9 holes will reduce capacity by 60% - a huge impact to the golfing community as one of the most used courses in the country.

There is significant land next door at Centennial Park, vastly under utilised which could harbour your development plans.

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Moore Park Golf serves more than half a million visitors annually and is a critical asset for affordable recreation and both community connection and health. Public golf demand is growing and reducing the course would negatively and severely impact many peoples lives.

Additionally, we cannot afford to lose more green space close to the enter of town.

I ask the NSW Government to work with Golf Australia and qualified golf architects - as well as the wider golf community to design a safer more innovative and responsive park that retains as much playable golf as possible and delivers the best outcome for both golfers and the community.

Thank you for considering my submission.

MOORE PARK SOUTH – DRAFT ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

Name: Campion, David

Date received: 19 November 2025

I have been a public golf course user for more than 40 years and are very concerned about the proposal to cut Moore Park Golf by 20 hectares.

Moore Park Golf Course play a vital role in introducing people to the game and enabling easy and affordable access to the many people who for whatever reason have not elected to join a golf club. Moore Park Golf Course is a unique offering to the community. There are very few major cities in the world that offer public access golf within reach of its CBD. Reducing the existing 18 holes to 9 holes will reduce capacity by 60% - a huge impact to the golfing community as one of the most used courses in the country.

Golf provides extensive physical and mental health benefits to the golfing community. Reducing the capacity of Moore Park Golf Course will only serve to reduce the health benefits available to the community.

The draft design appears inefficient and lacking in golf course design expertise. Several holes present clear safety risks and would require extensive fencing. The plan also does not address the site's topography or demonstrate innovative public golf design thinking and most importantly the needs of current and future golfers and public park users.

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Thank you for considering my submission.

MOORE PARK SOUTH – DRAFT ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

Name: Capelin, Barry

Date received: 22 November 2025

I am a Golfer. I am a member of a Golf Club, however, I play Moore Park occasional as it an A Grade Championship Golf Course and the cost to play Moore Park Championship Golf Course must be the close to or the lowest in Sydney. It is allways in great condition.

The proposal to cut the Golf Course in half should not be happing. There is plenty of Open Space already in the Moore Park area. I understanding that there are over 100,00 thousands rounds of golf played there a year. The public golfers, who pay a very low green fee to play there. Moore Park member are concerned about the proposal to cut Moore Park Golf in half and wrightly so.

Moore Park is one of the few affordable 18 hole Champion public courses near the CBD and reducing it to 9 holes will reduce capacity by 60% - a huge impact to the golfing community as one of the most used courses in the country.

The draft design appears inefficient and lacking in golf course design expertise. Several holes present clear safety risks and would require extensive fencing. The plan also does not address the site's topography or demonstrate innovative public golf design thinking and more importantly the needs of current and future golfers, including International golfers.

Golf is one of the most played sports in Australia, with a recent report showing 3.8 million adults played in 2023-2024 and this does not include Junior Golfers.

I fully support the Alternate Proposal submitted to the NSW Government by the Save Moore Park Collective. It shows that both an 18 hole public course and new public park and recreation infrastructure can transform Moore Park South to meet community needs. My ask of you is to work with the Collective and other experts to explore this design for future generations to enjoy.

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Thank you for considering my submission.

MOORE PARK SOUTH – DRAFT ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

Name: Carles, Brian

Date received: 24 November 2025

I write to you as an 88-year-old resident of Bowral, deeply concerned by the proposed plans to repurpose or shrink Moore Park Golf Course. Reports suggest talk of spending \$50 million, or even \$250 million, or cutting 50 or 250 metres from the course, either way, it feels reckless, especially in a fragile economy.

Here's why this course matters, and why the financial case against it is weak:

Strong Revenue Generator

Moore Park Golf Course is financially productive. According to parliamentary documents, it currently generates around \$15 million in annual revenue.

More than half of that income goes directly into maintaining Centennial Parklands not just the golf course itself, but the broader public parklands that everyone uses.

Losing or drastically reducing that revenue would create a significant funding shortfall for park maintenance, which taxpayers would likely have to cover.

Economic Risks of the Government's Plan

A buried business case warns that slashing the course could seriously reduce revenue for Greater Sydney Parklands (GSP), threatening the financial sustainability of the entire precinct.

The government itself has committed \$50 million to this project. But according to some internal modelling, none of the low-cost 'halve the course' options were even tested by their consultants.

If they demolish half of the course or severely limit its use, how do they plan to replace that lost \$15 million/year? So far, I have seen no credible plan from the government that matches that level of ongoing revenue.

Good Use of Existing Assets

This is not just about preserving a golf course, it's about preserving a revenue-generating public asset that supports the entire parklands system. Cutting into it weakens not just golf, but the financial base that maintains all the green space that people walk in, picnic in, and enjoy.

In a time of economic uncertainty, spending \$50 million (or more) to reduce a profitable public amenity feels backwards. Why not invest in upgrading what already works, rather than dismantling it?

Alternatives Exist Without Loss

It's entirely possible to make modern, community-focused improvements while keeping all 18 holes. The golfing collective and community groups have presented plans to retain the full course, improve access, and add public recreation, without gutting the financial engine.

Given my age and the decades I've watched Sydney grow, I believe that heritage, common sense, and financial responsibility should all point in the same direction:

Preserve all 18 holes of Moore Park Golf Course.

Protect its revenue stream, because it funds the maintenance of the entire Centennial Parklands system.

Reject plans to spend hundreds of millions on a project that threatens a self-sustaining public asset.

Please reconsider any proposal that would compromise the course, especially when so much of its value flows back into the public good. Retain, improve, and modernise, but do not destroy.

MOORE PARK SOUTH – DRAFT ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

Name: Carles, Joseph

Date received: 24 November 2025

I am writing to express my firm opposition to the proposed Moore Park Remodeling. I believe this proposition to be grossly unfair to the Moore Park Golf Club and its members. Years of poor planning from both sides of politics has resulted in a large increase in population density without the same increase in public space. The need for more accessible green spaces for a growing population should be addressed with better planning regulations not by stripping the land off one of the few holders of green space left in the area. I attended a pop up info stand at MPGC recently and they spoke of a need for ,a balanced approach, regarding land usage. Where was the balance when approving the development proposals for the countless new apartment complexes that have popped up in recent years? If areas are getting rezoned for higher density living, allowances must also be made to set areas aside for recreation. Currently is appears the developers have been allowed to make their fortunes turning every available space into apartments and now the golf course is being forced to give up their land to accommodate them. I am in no way opposed to building more housing, particularly in areas close to the city with existing public transport connections but this must be done in a balanced way with adequate public spaces built in from the start.

MOORE PARK SOUTH – DRAFT ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

Name: Carter-Fischer, Eric

Date received: 13 November 2025

I am against reducing the current course from 18 to 9 holes

I am in favour of adding community space

There is sufficient space to do both. Reconfigure the 18 holes - keeping 18 and add community space per the Australian Golf suggestion

The current course is an important source of physical and mental health benefits for men and women. Especially retirees. This lessens the cost of healthcare to government

The course is used by juniors and families. Boys, girls, mums and dads.

Changing this is a mistake