

MOORE PARK SOUTH – DRAFT ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

Name: Harrison, Brad

Date received: 21 November 2025

This email is in regards to your proposal to destroy Moore Park Golf Course.

The sport of golf is not just for wealthy elites. Public access golf courses are essential and this is patently obvious by the number of people who play at Moore Park every year. Golf needs to be affordable and accessible.

Just because Clover Moore does not play golf, it does not mean that the entire golfing community must be disadvantaged. There is an abundance of green space adjacent to Moore Park Golf Course so her entire argument is flawed. I am astonished that a NSW Labour government would turn their back on their very own constituents by agreeing to this poorly thought out proposal.

Any golfer within your office will tell you that a 9 hole course will no longer provide a noteworthy golfing experience. It would be the equivalent of converting E.S. Marks 400m Athletics track into 200m. A completely farcical and embarrassing situation.

Leave the golf course alone and look slightly to the north where there is an abundance of open green space which can be converted into whatever Clover Moore wants.

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Name: Hawes, Steven

Date received: 22 November 2025

As a casual golfer I very much appreciate being able to play 18 holes at Moore Park. Moore Park would have to be the best public course in Sydney that is a delight to play. It's a beautiful course to play that is maintain to a high standard. It is also easily accessed by public transport which is not the case for other courses.

It is increasingly getting harder to book quality public golf courses for weekend play. Last week I played with people who had travelled 20km to play at Northbridge Golf Course as there was no available tee off times at their local golf courses (Turramurra and Hurstville).

Removing 9 holes from Moore Park is only going to make the situation worse. Please rethink this. It is a highly utilised course that many people from all over Sydney use and enjoy.

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Name: Heath, Lesley

Date received: 1 November 2025

Good morning, I now live in Narooma but was a member of Moore Park from 1994 until October last year. I have objected to your plan from the beginning and do not need to repeat the reasons which I've already given. What I would like to suggest is that you take Botany Golf Course and leave Moore Park until you really need Moore Park - you said, I think, 2040 is the year when 40,000 more people will have arrived to live in the area. You could, of course, reduce this number. Botany is a nothing course but set within a desirable real estate precinct. To carve up a championship golf course for no logical or believable reason is a shocking idea and, believe me, voters will not forget in a hurry.

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Name: Hill, Matthew

Date received: 22 November 2025

Community Consultation Submission: Objection to the Moore Park South Proposal

To: NSW Department of Planning & Public Spaces Re: Moore Park South Establishment Plan, Public Exhibition Submission: Strong Opposition Based on Financial, Governance, Legal and Public-Interest Grounds

1. Introduction I appreciate the opportunity to provide feedback on the Moore Park South proposal.

After reviewing the publicly available material, media reporting, and parliamentary documents, I have significant concerns about the project's financial credibility, legal robustness, transparency, and long-term impacts on the community. This submission expresses strong opposition to the proposal in its current form and requests that the NSW Government pause the project until it can demonstrate transparent, legally sound and financially responsible decision-making.

2. Summary of Concerns My objection is based on four major issues: 1. Substantial and unaddressed financial risk 2. Inadequate transparency and governance failures 3. Potential legal and statutory compliance issues 4. Loss of public trust and reputational damage to government decision-making

3. Financial Risk and Likely Public Cost Overruns 3.1 \$50m budget appears unrealistic and inconsistent with internal advice The Government's stated commitment of \$50 million to establish the new parkland and reconfigure the remaining golf facilities appears grossly inadequate. Public reporting of consultant material indicates significant financial risk and possible real costs far beyond the publicly stated figures.

3.2 High probability of cost blowouts Costs likely to exceed the stated budget include remediation, construction, reconfiguration of golf facilities, and ongoing maintenance. Without published, itemised costings, the community cannot assess fiscal responsibility.

3.3 Risk of additional compensation or legal costs If acquisition or alteration of existing arrangements occurs, compensation obligations under NSW Just Terms Compensation principles may apply, adding further cost.

4. Transparency Failures and Governance Concerns

4.1 Withholding of the full business case Parliament has issued Orders for Papers. The Government has not fully released the business case or supporting documents, undermining informed public consultation.

4.2 Contradictions between public messaging and internal material Discrepancies between public statements and reported internal advice raise concerns about evidence-based decision-making and undermine public trust.

5. Potential Legal and Statutory Issues Relevant legislation may be engaged, including: - Crown Land Management Act 2016 - Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust Act 1983 - Just Terms Compensation rights Proceeding without complete, transparent documentation may create exposure to legal challenge.

6. Community Impact and Policy Credibility The process must be lawful, transparent, and financially responsible. Current handling of the project has generated community conflict, opposition from peak bodies, and parliamentary criticism.

7. Requested Actions The NSW Government should:

1. Publish the full business case.
2. Commission an independent audit.
3. Provide clarity on compensation implications.
4. Demonstrate statutory compliance.
5. Reopen consultation with full financial information available.

8. Conclusion The Moore Park South proposal should not proceed until the Government discloses complete costings, resolves legal uncertainties, and demonstrates responsible governance.

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Name: Hobbs, Fiona

Date received: 21 November 2025

I have reviewed the draft establishment plan and am strongly against this initiative for the following reasons:

You are fixing a problem that does not exist. There are already significant tracks of public green-space in proximity of Moore Park South that satisfies all of the goals of the new park area. These existing spaces (Moore Park West, Centennial Park, Parkland around the sports precinct) are not used to their full potential and I believe it would be more efficient, cost-effective and timely to incentivise better use of these spaces (more activities / integrated safe cycle lanes to access / events).

Your plan continues to deny the health, heritage, environmental and social benefits of the existing golf precinct. This is space that encourages high usage of public green space, fosters healthy activity and social cohesion and tolerance given the high volumes of socially, ethnically and culturally diverse people that play there. Your revised golf proposal is a significant dilution of the golfing appeal of this location.

The financing of this plan is obscure and not fully disclosed. Not only will the conversion of this space cost several hundreds of millions of dollars that would be better spent elsewhere, you will lose income from an 18-hole active and vibrant golf club.

You continue to target spending in a Central Sydney-centric way. Why don't you consider more green space development in high-density areas such as North Sydney, Chatswood, Paramatta, Crows Nest?? These locations have high populations, many families and children and would benefit from the types of initiatives you are proposing with this space. Your plan proposes facilities for a population that already has a huge variety and expanse of green space resources on their doorstep.

Your current plan will create significant ecological disruption of the current natural mature parklands, create waste, disruption to local transport corridors, and disable an active green space for years whilst you plan and develop.

I repeat my opening assertion that you are fixing a problem that does not exist, and in the process wasting taxpayer money, creating disruption and waste, ignoring more deserving candidates for investment such as other NSW/Sydney locations in need of green space, affordable housing, better integrating green energy into our transport system, better recycling and waste management, to name but a few. Please do not proceed with this folly!

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Name: Hood, Nicholas

Date received: 24 November 2025

I have been a member of Moore Park Golf for 2.5 years. I joined this amazing championship golf course to further develop my game on an 18 hole course, after starting my golf journey on a 9 hole course many years ago. It is also one of the few accessible and affordable public golf courses, within close proximity to my home.

Golf is meant to be played over 18 different holes! I have had the pleasure of playing and representing this great course and meeting some lifelong friends along the way. Most weeks I play the course 2 times, with some additional trips to the site to use the Driving Range. I love being out in the natural environment and golf is more than a sport to me, it is my passion.

I have major reservations about the current government proposal, as it lacks innovation and imagination. There are better ways to utilise the golf land to maximise the number of holes available.

Thanks for considering my submission.

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**Submission
No. 107**

Name: Horton, Kiel

Date received: 22 November 2025

To the Moore Park South Project Team,

I have been a member of Moore Park Golf for eight years and I am writing to strongly oppose the proposal to cut the course by 20 hectares. Reducing this essential asset to nine holes will slash capacity by 60%, effectively locking out thousands of everyday people from one of the few affordable 18-hole courses near the CBD. With over 500,000 annual visitors, the course is a critical recreational hub. Given the substantial green space already available at Centennial Park, sacrificing active sporting infrastructure is both unnecessary and damaging to community health.

The current draft plan is deeply flawed. It ignores site topography, creates safety risks that will require extensive fencing, and prioritises commercial driving range revenue over actual sport. Even worse, there is a glaring lack of transparency regarding the true cost. Recent reports suggest the project will cost taxpayers nearly \$250 million— a five fold increase above the publicly stated figure. Promoting a "bargain" plan while burying massive financial risks is a breach of public trust.

There is a better way. I fully endorse the Alternate Proposal by the Save Moore Park Collective, which demonstrates that we can retain a quality 18-hole course while still delivering new parkland and amenity to the area. I urge the NSW Government to abandon the current plan and collaborate with Golf Australia and qualified architects to deliver a financial and social win for the community.

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Name: Hyde, Jane

Date received: 18 November 2025

I am writing to strongly oppose any plans to reduce Moore Park Golf from 18 holes to 9 holes. I have been a regular player and active member of Moore Park Golf for the past four years, and currently play at least three times per week. This frequency reflects not only my commitment to the sport, but the essential mental, emotional, physical and social role that Moore Park plays in my life.

Moore Park was the first public course where I felt genuinely welcomed, included and supported as a golfer. It has become a meaningful part of my weekly routine and provides me with structure, motivation, purpose and community connection. Walking a full 18 holes is a deeply therapeutic and grounding experience, helping me maintain physical health, regulate stress and anxiety, and strengthen resilience through challenge and focus.

For me, Moore Park is more than just a sporting location, it has been a vital wellbeing resource through significant personal life challenges (I'm 60 years old). Reducing the course to 9 holes would completely alter the value, purpose and experience that so many people like myself rely on for sustained wellbeing.

My Concerns About the Proposed 9-Hole Plan

A. Underutilisation of existing golf land and loss of public playable capacity

Moore Park is already designated for public golf. Reducing the course to a restricted 9-hole layout unnecessarily reduces access, inclusion and opportunity. Evidence from public course planning globally shows that well designed 18-hole layouts can successfully exist on smaller parcels of land than Moore Park, without sacrificing safety or quality.

B. Design safety issues and lack of golf architectural expertise

Several proposed routing elements appear unsafe, impractical and inconsistent with contemporary golf course design principles. There is no indication that the draft design reflects qualified architectural input, community based consultation, or modern routing strategies such as flexible loop options (3 hole, 6 hole, 9 hole segments) or dual use innovation.

C. Loss of significant public health and mental wellbeing benefits

Public golf is recognised as a preventative health asset, with proven emotional, cardiovascular, psychological and social benefits. Research published in The British Journal of Sports Medicine found that regular golf participation is associated with improved life expectancy, reduced risk of chronic disease, increased cognitive resilience, lower stress and

increased social connectedness. Moore Park currently serves over 500,000 visitors annually and is often the first and only accessible entry point for new golfers in Sydney.

With mental health needs continuing to rise across Sydney, particularly post pandemic, public recreational resources that integrate physical movement, nature immersion and social connection are critical. Reducing Moore Park to 9 holes would limit availability, increase congestion and make participation less accessible for women, juniors, seniors, new players and people seeking mental health recovery or regulation.

D. Non golf elements pose safety, logistical and usability concerns

Proposed children's play, space positioned in a high risk and noisy location

Dacey Avenue carpark design could increase road congestion and traffic danger

Sports field positioned on steep undulating ground, making it resource intensive and unsafe

Multiple pedestrian walkways routed across high risk golf strike zones

My Formal Request to NSW Government

I respectfully and strongly request that the NSW Government:

Retains Moore Park Golf as a full 18 hole public golf course using the complete golf, designated land

Engages qualified golf course architects with proven tournament level or elite public, routing experience

Incorporates world, class, flexible routing, short, loop and multi, format design ideas that maximise participation

Prioritises public sport, mental health and equity over experimental urban, park concepts

Engages directly with active Moore Park playing community representatives

Closing Statement

Moore Park Golf is a critical public wellbeing, sporting and community asset. Once public recreational land capacity is reduced, it is almost never restored. I urge the NSW Government to future proof Sydney's only central city public 18 hole golf course for current and future generations.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my submission.

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Name: Irvine, Tristan

Date received: 23 November 2025

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback. I am writing as a local resident who has recently taken up golf, largely because Moore Park makes the sport accessible in a way no other course in inner Sydney does. Reducing the course from 18 holes would be a profound loss for our community.

What the current plan fails to recognise is the deeply human value this course provides. For me, Moore Park has been transformative—mentally, physically, and socially. I started playing during a stressful period of life, and it quickly became a grounding ritual. The course has a real sense of community; in just a short time I've formed new friendships, met people from all walks of life, and found myself part of an environment that is welcoming and genuinely inclusive. You don't often find a public sporting space where a 14-year-old junior, a retiree, a young couple, and a group of new Australians feel equally comfortable. But that's exactly what Moore Park offers.

Many of my own friends, people in their 20s, 30s and 40s who never considered golf before, are now taking up the game because Moore Park makes it possible. They see it as a lifelong sport they can play with partners, friends, and eventually their kids. My wife, who would not feel comfortable at many private clubs, loves playing here. Being able to enjoy a sport together as a couple in a supportive, non-intimidating environment is something we deeply value, and something that would be irreparably harmed by shrinking the course.

As a dog owner who walks around the precinct daily, I see firsthand how our public spaces are used. The golf course is *always* full. Mornings, afternoons, weekdays, weekends. In contrast, some of the surrounding park areas sit empty for long stretches. The argument that converting golf land to parkland and other facilities will deliver greater community use simply isn't supported by what actually happens on the ground. Moore Park Golf is already one of the most activated, diverse, and consistently utilised recreational assets in the city.

The plan also understates the role this course plays for young people. As someone who played sport at a high level as a junior, I wish I had found golf earlier. Watching the volume of junior coaching and the confidence those kids develop right here at a public facility, is inspiring. Reducing the course to 9 or 12 holes will directly limit junior pathways at the very moment participation is booming.

Once golf land is lost, it will not come back. Sydney has so few affordable public courses as it is. Removing holes from Moore Park would permanently diminish one of the rare spaces where the community can access an affordable, inclusive, and lively sport for life.

I urge the Government to critically reconsider this plan. The value Moore Park Golf provides isn't theoretical, it's lived, daily, and shared by thousands of people across generations. Any establishment plan should protect this irreplaceable community asset, not dismantle it.

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Name: Janik, John

Date received: 23 November 2025

I have been using Moore Park Golf for 18 years. Moore Park

Golf is important to me for the following reasons.

My job required me to move to Sydney from regional NSW where the cost of living is much less than Sydney. As a golfer who plays weekly competitions, I couldn't afford the high joining fees and annual subscription demanded by most of the golf clubs within a reasonable travel distance from home, in addition most clubs had waiting lists to join. As a result, Moore Park Golf Club and its 18-hole course was the best value for money option at the time and still is. The option of 9-hole golf courses in the area did not offer the competitions available on 18-hole courses.

Now I am retired I have even less chance of affording the fees of the clubs within a reasonable travel distance from home.

I typically play golf twice a week with my wife and friends in mixed 18-hole competitions that are made available at MPGC. In addition, we can also play in interclub competitions because our 18-holes course can reciprocate in the event. Because we both play golf, we take the opportunity to go on golfing holidays exploring 18-hole golf courses around the country and overseas, often in NSW. Playing golf is helpful way to meet people when on holidays. that sometimes practise

By reducing the course to 9 holes I will no longer be able to play in the competitions where an 18-hole course is required, which is many of the interclub and state and weekly competition. Retaining a national golf playing handicap that allows us to play on other courses may not be possible or reflective of playing in 18-holes competitions

Like many people that work we take our health for granted and not until a doctor tells you to engage in some kind of physical exercise to do we make the time to address our personal wellbeing. I found golf at the age of 50 and the 18-holes gave me the necessary all-round physical exercise needed by walking over 7km, body flexibility and the concentration required to play aided mental health by switching off work related matters. It also proved the social interaction beneficial during and after the game.

Now at 73 I believe I am physically fitter than many people I know at my age and surrounded by many of my friends that play golf.

My concern is according to the media the government has not been totally transparent on this whole issue.

- It has avoided asking the community if it wanted 18 holes.

- All government surveys deliberately only invite responses to the 9-hole plan.
- It has now come to light the true costing has been concealed.
- The risks on contaminated soil are highly likely. This has implications to resident, local schools and golfer using the precinct during the construction.
- Have all the risks been priced into the costing. If not, it is highly likely of a cost blow out the tax payer of NSW will need to pay.
- The safety of park users is seriously underestimated. With over 100,000 balls from the driving range and golf ball from the new 1st tee landing in the park, someone will be seriously injured.

The proposed 9-hole course will impact many of the points mentioned above.

- It will be near impossible to play the course twice for 18-holes due to demand and access availability, so golf will be limited to 9-holes only.
- 9-hole golf will reduce the amount of exercise and related physical, mental, and social benefits
- It may eliminate playing golf all together due to affordability
- Golf in such high demand it may be impossible to become a member elsewhere for years.
- Driving long distance to another course will be time consuming, stress fall, costly and a unattractive option.

I respectfully ask that the NSW Government:

The Moore Park Golf Club and Collective proposal should be the way forward to benefit the entire community.

Alternatively, leave the 18 holes as they are and selectively choose some of the key features that can be afforded now with a long-term plan to introduce improvement later.

Thank you for considering my submission.

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Name: Jermolajew, Ginski

Date received: 19 November 2025

Dear Moore Park South Project Team,

I am a public golf course user and am very concerned about the proposal to reduce Moore Park Golf by half. Moore Park is one of the few affordable 18 hole public courses anywhere near the CBD, Eastern and Southern suburbs 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.

Already Moore Park golf is one of the slowest courses in the region and halving the course will make it unplayable, untenable and eventually completely unaffordable.

The draft design appears inefficient and lacking in golf course design expertise and fails to consider the influx of new residents to the area and the percentage of those being golfers, present or future. 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 and is a section of land that would never be recovered if this proposed plan goes ahead, is then abandoned/disused and then gets sold to developers. 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.

Yours sincerely,

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Name: Jewsbury, Ken

Date received: 22 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: I E-Mailed Chris Minns some time ago explaining that Mothers and Fathers that they now want their children Not to play NRL or Soccer because of potential brain damage long term. Hence Golf is a sport that I have been playing 66 years .

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Name: Johnson, Merryl

Date received: 6 November 2025

Submission regarding Moore Park South Establishment Plan:

1. Use the full golf footprint, it maximise the number of holes

- The land allocated for golf should be used to deliver as many playable holes and as much public golf capacity as possible.
- Reducing to a compromised 9-hole layout, when more is possible, is unnecessary, short-sighted and limits access to the sport.

2. The design lacks innovation, imagination, is unsafe and inefficient

- The draft layout looks like it has been designed with no understanding of golf architecture, the topography of Moore Park South, the future users of the course and shows little creativity or modern thinking.
- There are no attempts made to maintain a course that can be enjoyed and used by as many people as possible noting there are many local examples of 18-hole courses on footprints of less than 35Ha. Nor is there consideration for innovations like flexible routing, short-loop options or shared recreational concepts seen in world-class public golf designs.
- Several proposed holes are clearly not safe and will require substantial fencing both around and within the boundaries of the course to keep golfers, and park users safe.
- The inaccuracy of this plan suggest it has not been prepared by qualified golf architects or with oversight from the golf community. This must change.
- Sydney's booming golf community deserves better.

3. Public golf in Sydney is scarce and demand is growing

- Moore Park provides affordable, accessible golf for all, serving 500,000+ visitors annually and connecting people of all ages and backgrounds.
- Golf promotes health, fitness, and social inclusion, walking the course, learning the game, and connecting with others improves physical and mental wellbeing.
- Participation is booming, Over 4 million Australians played in FY2025, and public courses like Moore Park are essential entry points for young people, women, seniors, and families.
- The course supports the local economy and Parklands, generating \$17M+ annually, while fostering community engagement and outdoor recreation.
- Reducing Moore Park to 9-holes harms not just club members but the broader community that relies on it for health, social connection, and accessible recreation.

- Reducing Moore Park to 9-holes cuts the ability to play by ~60%, where are those people meant to go considering surrounding courses are either private or at capacity?

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Name: Johnson, Roslyn

Date received: 18 November 2025

I just completed the online feedback form for the draft Establishment Plan, but there was not much opportunity for general comment.

I have lived in [address withheld] for 34 years now and I would like to say that I am disappointed that the golf course has been halved from 18 to nine holes. I have never met a single person in the Moore Park and east Redfern area who agrees to this change as they see an 18-hole inner city golf course as a wonderful facility for locals and oversees visitors. They all believe that the existing parkland has been enough.

That said, I know it's going to go ahead, so I would like to add below what I would like to see included in the Establishment Plan.

A purpose-built native animal recover centre

I would like to see a similar native animal recovery centre built on the site, as Randwick Council has done this year:

<https://www.randwick.nsw.gov.au/about-us/news/news-items/2025/june/purpose-built-native-animal-recovery-centre-opening-in-randwick>

As a wildlife animal rescuer for the Redfern and general inner city area, it is tragic to rescue and care for so many starving possums and other wildlife because there's not enough food for them. This is because Sydney City Council has a preference for ornamental trees to native species. Our wildlife are in a terrible state, with skin diseases and neurological disorders caused by environmental stress and hunger. Nor does Council allow wildlife rescuers to cut leaves from local trees and bushes to feed the rescued animals, which makes the situation even worse.

Therefore, a dedicated recovery centre, along with dedicated land for the release of orphaned possums in dreys in suitable trees would be a wonderful use of space.

Grow more native specie trees and bushes for wildlife

Please only grow native species to give our wildlife a chance. And could you come to agreement with wildlife services, such as WIRES, to collect foliage for possums in care? We can set up a meeting at any point in the future.

Stop using poisons at the base of trees and general area! It's lethal.

For some unknown reason, the Centennial Park staff use poison to remove weeds at the base of trees around the common land area between the sports field and the golf course, rather than use a whipper snipper. I imagine they use poison everywhere else, but I and other locals have only witnessed the use of poison along the walkway from the Moore Park and Redfern residential areas.

The result has been the agonising death of a whole colony (about 14) of ringtail possums in this area. A local resident recently told me that he saw a number of possum carcass' in the area over the last year. Many walkers fear for their dogs too as staff with backpacks drop foam-like piles across the grassland. This poisoning practice is common knowledge with the local dog walkers.

Beware of destroying existing native species habitats when replacing trees and building new paths

I nearly cried when I walked up the newly established steps and pathway next to South Dowling Street. It used to be a dirt track lined with low dense bushes, which was a lovely habitat for finches. The whole habitat was destroyed when the new pathway was built.

So could you please do an wildlife assessment before your staff start ripping out trees/bushes and putting in new species?

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Name: Johnston, Adam

Date received: 22 November 2025

In any event the Government seems determined to tare up half of NSW's oldest public golf course, despite some of it being heritage listed. Meanwhile, your own projections call for 690,000 more residents within 5km of Centennial Parklands and the Golf Club, with 100,000 by 2041. Why? While I have worked in the city, the inhospitable wind tunnels of unbearable cold in winter and heat in summer created by the tall buildings, as one went up and down George Street, are not missed. Equally, the skyscrapers of concrete and glass arguably detract from more impressive and noteworthy architecture like the Town Hall and the Queen Victoria Building. This would never happen in say, Paris, where nothing (based on my viewing of the Olympics and checking online*) would be allowed to obscure a clear view from or to the Eiffel Tower.

Furthermore, it is not clear to me that many people want to live in flats – body corporate fees and fights are legendary. Why would anyone want that? Indeed, during COVID, regional towns grew likely as many sought space, calm and social distancing during the pandemic. While it is a unique example, you don't see too many home building shows on television where people want to build flats; they want to build a home. Equally, the TODD type proposals don't really seem to be considering low-rise, tiny homes or any other model that could be considered a home for living in. Having seen other moderate to high-rise developments go up, I do also wonder about the speed and quality of construction particularly given commentary like this: *Are all new units & homes dodgy? What's the future outcome of the rush to build more housing for Australia?* My own casual observations and reading of the media keeps me asking similar questions. This is especially given flammable cladding remains on many apartment building external walls, even after the implementation of a government-funded scheme to remove it. Personally, I would not feel safe in a flat and have never aspired (nor thought it financially practical) to enter the housing market.

A new Park does not justify or compensate for the destruction/removal of half a golf course, considering the high-rise in-fill to be visited upon our city in return. What can be seen from other in-fill developments is that they do not (as sometimes suggested) produce community spaces and pedestrian boulevards. Rather, the cavernous holes dug for underground carparking beneath many developments will explain future road chaos and congestion. Will this temper inflated housing prices and market speculation, or just feed them? I suspect the latter, because we know the way most people want prices to go – up! While many in politics and the media like to call that a crisis, a more measured response is that it is the operation of market economics, which is unfavourable and unfair to many. There are also other supply and demand policy actions beyond in-fill and high-rise that could be taken. However, these have repeatedly shown to be electorally unpopular.

If the proposal succeeds, the State Government will be emboldened in its development policies, unfortunately aided by bodies like the Grattan Institute. Furthermore, if the Commonwealth is to divest itself of properties like Victoria Barracks, how much weight can really be put on State and Local Government statements about 'not knocking things down' and retaining green space? Not much, in my view. All the links above go to many issues which are substantive to housing and which a new park does not address.

The Moore Park Golf Course should be retained as is.

MOORE PARK SOUTH – DRAFT ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

Name: Jonson, Patrik

Date received: 18 November 2025

I am a public golf course user and am appalled about the proposal to cut Moore Park down to 9 holes

Moore Park is one of the few affordable 18 hole public courses near the CBD leaving the average golfer very few option to play.

The surrounding park lands currently does not get used and should be upgraded before any other options is considered.

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Yours sincerely

MOORE PARK SOUTH – DRAFT ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

Name: Kaufman, Mick

Date received: 18 November 2025

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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. 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 Labor 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 public. You will lose many votes by reducing it to 9 holes. Do you want to be in opposition again?

Yours sincerely

MOORE PARK SOUTH – DRAFT ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

Name: Kelfkens, Kane

Date received: 24 November 2025

I am shocked that the NSW Government is considering carving up the existing Moore Park golf course. This gem is the by far the finest example of a Public Golf Course Sydney has to offer, allowing people of all walks of life to get out and enjoy the game of golf (with its benefits to physical and mental health) without requiring an exclusive membership to do so. I object to the proposal on the following grounds: -

1) Mental Health benefits of the Game

I am passionate on this issue as many years ago as a young student going through some depression, this lovely course was a lifeline that guided me back to a better place over months of inexpensive rounds of student golf. Golf is a game in which, even as an individual player, you are always grouped with other players to make a playing group. Through some of my darkest days I'm certain the few hours I spent every week meeting new people and enjoying the challenge of the game together saved my life. We know depression and suicide amongst young people is a serious issue in this country. I don't think curtailing inner city people's ability to enjoy this therapy makes any sense.

2) Clear Misuse of existing vacant parkland

I agree it makes sense to continue to develop our use of open space to suit the community's needs. However, why is it necessary to destroy a stunning mature public golf course to gain more useful parkland when there is so much under-utilised parkland on the other side of ANZAC parade? The large open spaces opposite the Hordern Pavilion and adjoining Kippax Lake are completely wasted and seem to be either used as private training facilities for the football clubs or as overflow parking for the odd cricket game. The large grassland next to Sydney Boys and Girls Schools is similarly underutilised. These areas are clearly a better area of the parklands to look at for a change of use before considering the halving of Moore Park Golf Course.

3) Access

Moore Park Golf Course and only one other course (Eastlakes) are what you would consider proper 18 hole full length courses in the city/Eastern Suburbs. Moore Park is by far the finer course of the 2 and the most accessible. Golf is not a game only for the rich as some seem to assume. I think everyone should have access to the game at its highest level, which Moore Park typifies, especially considering the massive explosion in popularity of the game amongst young people over the last few years.

For these reasons above, the Draft Moore Park South plan should be scrapped in this form and a new plan that retains the existing 18 hole course should be developed.

MOORE PARK SOUTH – DRAFT ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

Name: Kelly, Mark

Date received: 20 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: Kibble, Alex

Date received: 24 November 2025

The Establishment Plan is a good starting point for the transformation of Moore Park South. There are areas that will require very careful examination of the topography to make them work. This is especially the case under the bridge along Dacey Avenue.

The arrangement of the parkland and the interface with the golf course should not create unsafe pockets where there is only an exit by backtracking. The design will need to be reviewed with consideration of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) in mind.

While not strictly within the former golf course zone the interface with adjacent areas such as the former bowling greens (now used for overflow parking) and the northern slope of Mt Steel should be considered as part of this transformation, so that the whole of Moore Park South has an integrated approach to activities.

It is noted that the driving range will not be relocated, however the treatment of its edges could be greatly improved to have less of an impact on the new parkland



Improve edges to driving range with more planting.

This grove of trees would benefit the parkland greatly.

Improve the eroded surface of Mt Steel, add informal paths and native grasses. Celebrate the top lookout area.

Make more of former bowling greens and embrace the Toll House better.

Conflict with golf uses if main path crosses in front of 'Tee Off' activities. Consider rerouting over Mt Steel but also foster a better public connection to the club house.

Avoid isolated pockets with no exit - not very safe.

Consider consolidating into main park area.

This area is very constrained and has challenging topography and trees at present. However this link is very important to make as the current footpath on Dacey Avenue is totally inadequate.

MOORE PARK SOUTH – DRAFT ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

Name: Kindred, Malcolm

Date received: 20 November 2025

Why would you destroy a world class public facility. ?

This is one of very few facilities that provide access to a top class recreational sporting facility to the general public.

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Thank you for considering my submission.

MOORE PARK SOUTH – DRAFT ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

Name: King, Jo

Date received: 19 November 2025

I have ten played this course, I live nearby, I utilise the vast Centennial Park and surrounding green space. It's madness to reduce this magnificent PUBLIC course.

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

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MOORE PARK SOUTH – DRAFT ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

Name: Kingston, Countney

Date received: 10 November 2025

The Imperative for 18 Holes for my kids, grandkids, their friends and tourism. Let's work out a TRUE ,Win-Win. IT IS POSSIBLE!!

I am a [suburb withheld] resident and proud representative of the great City of Sydney, NSW. To me, Moore Park Golf Course is not merely an amenity; it is an irreplaceable, affordable, and accessible 18-hole facility serving one of the most densely populated regions in Australia.

Retaining the full 18 holes is paramount because:

Public Accessibility: It provides one of the few genuinely public and affordable 18-hole experiences, a vital function given the high cost and exclusivity of many alternative courses in the area. Removing half of the facility disproportionately harms working families and individuals who rely on its accessibility.

Youth Development Pathway: The current facility sustains a robust system for developing young golfers. Young people currently spend significant time, money, and effort learning the basics of the game through clinics and coaching provided at the Moore Park driving range and academy. However, once these players master the fundamentals, they must transition to a full 18-hole course to implement, test, and solidify their skills in a competitive, full-length format. Reducing the course to nine holes effectively breaks this crucial developmental pathway, leaving aspiring young golfers nowhere to go to practice and compete in a proper 18-hole environment.

International Tourism and Sydney's Global Profile: The 18-hole course serves a significant tourism function, positioning Sydney as a unique global city. In several rounds I have played over the last month alone, I was personally partnered with international visitors (from Boston, USA; Jakarta, Indonesia; Osaka, Japan; Milan, Italy; and Dublin, Ireland) none of whom I knew before arriving at the golf course. All of them explicitly stated that they would not travel or seek to use the facility if it were reduced to only 9 holes. This underscores the 18-hole facility's importance in driving tourism revenue and showcasing Sydney's commitment to world-class public sporting facilities. In addition, the ability to provide a facility that enables unplanned networking opportunities that foster friendship and/or business, is a unique environment that should be preserved and grown, not diminished.

Sustaining the Sport: The retention of a full 18-hole course is essential for hosting local competitions and ensuring the continued financial and social viability of golf as a popular public sport in Sydney. Moreover, booking availability and wait times are already exceptionally difficult, and reducing the course by half will render access near impossible for

the average resident.

A Personal Plea for Intergenerational Legacy

I write this not just as a concerned resident, but as someone whose family history is interwoven with this course. I have been a devoted user of Moore Park Golf Course for over 40 years, following in the footsteps of my father who used it before me. Though he is no longer with us, the legacy provided by this comprehensive 18-hole facility, the ability to fully embrace the sport, is paramount to other current and future legacies, just like mine.

I now have four children and have proudly commenced their golf journey at Moore Park. We truly believe this 18-hole facility is a must for our, and future generations. If Moore Park is reduced, where will the next generation go to embrace this rapidly growing sport?

I beg you, please embrace this wonderful facility that makes Sydney a unique global city where everyone is encouraged to be their very best. Sacrifices should not be made for some to incorporate others when a win-win outcome is possible. There are talented planners who can work this out so that EVERYONE WINS.

Please do not proceed with a plan that creates a loser when a mutually beneficial outcome is totally achievable.

Consideration of Alternatives

I recognise the genuine need for increased public parkland in the inner city. However, I urge the Government to give serious consideration to the alternative proposals put forward by the Moore Park Golf Collective and other stakeholders. These alternatives demonstrate that it is possible to achieve both outcomes: creating substantial, high-quality public open space while simultaneously retaining the 18-hole golf course through smarter spatial planning and maximising under-utilised areas of the precinct.

Conclusion

The community needs green space, but it also desperately needs accessible, public sporting facilities that offer a complete experience. The proposed halving of the course sacrifices the long-term future of golf participation for a generation of young players and diminishes Sydney's standing as a destination for international sports tourism. It ignores the need of so many people purely because a better outcome that serves everyone is not being explored. I know the people who make these decisions are capable of so much more.

I urge the NSW Government to amend the plan to retain the 18-hole Moore Park Golf Course, thereby preserving a vital sporting and social asset for the residents of Sydney, present and future!

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Name: Klemenic, Stephen

Date received: 30 October 2025

I concur with all of Mr Babazogli's comments below.

Further I would like to add as we are in an age where it is imperative that we get teenagers away from screens and participating in all sports at any level. This move will only provide yet another barrier in encouraging our teenagers to be outside and active.

The decision to reduce Moore Park Golf Club to a nine hole course is one that is very poorly considered in relation to its implications for the community both now and into the future.

MOORE PARK SOUTH – DRAFT ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

Name: Le Roy, Dominic

Date received: 17 November 2025

I own a business based in Surry Hills. I am writing to strongly oppose the proposal to reduce Moore park Golf Course to 9 holes and to ask that the NSW Government adopt an alternative plan that retains 18 holes while still delivering additional public parkland.

My Story, Why Moore Park Golf Course matters to me I am 39 years old and only really found golf at the end of 2019. I started exactly how thousands of Sydneysiders do at Moore Park: a few lessons at the academy, trips to the driving range to practice and build some coincidence, and then, eventually, taking the leap into competitions and 18-hole rounds. I run a business that specialises in designing and delivering events, which can be stressful and mentally demanding. Moore Park Golf Course has become an essential outlet for me a place where I can clear my head, switch off from the day-to-day pressure of business ownership, and focus on one thing for four hours: playing the game. Being outdoors, walking, concentrating on each shot and enjoying the company of friends and strangers has been incredibly important for my mental health and well-being. When people think of golf in Sydney, they think of Moore Park. It is an icon a place where you can learn the game, practice on the range, and then progress to playing 18 holes, which is how golf is meant to be played. One of my strongest memories of Moore Park predates my own golf journey. In 2013, while I was undergoing treatment for testicular cancer at RPA, I organised a charity golf day at Moore Park to raise money for the new Chris O'Brien Lifehouse. At the time I was going through heavy rounds of chemotherapy in the old cancer centre. Spending so much time there made me determined to give something back. We hosted an 18-hole charity day for around 40 people and raised close to \$10,000. Moore Park Golf Course made that possible perfect venue, central, accessible, welcoming and capable of hosting a full 18-hole event. Reducing the course to 9 holes will significantly damage this kind of community fundraising. Many charities in Sydney rely on Moore Park's accessibility and 18-hole format for their annual events. Taking that away will hurt far more than just golfer it will hurt businesses and communities they support,

My concerns with the draft Establishment Plan I am deeply concerned about both the proposed 9-hole layout and the broader non-golf elements of the Establishment Plan.

1. The golf land should be used to maximise the number of playable holes The land currently allocated to golf should be used to deliver as many playable holes and as much public golf capacity as possible, not less. Reducing Moore Park to a compromised 9-hole layout, when more is clearly possible, is unnecessary, short-sighted and will severely limited access to a growing sport. There are already large areas of surrounding parklands that sit under-used at many times, while the golf course is busy and often full. An alternative 18-hole concept plan prepared by the Save Moore Park Collective shows how you can retain 18 holes and created up to 20 hectares of additional parkland. Sydney can have both, this is not an either/or decision.

2. The proposed 9-hole design lacks innovation, efficiency and good golf planning. From what has been released publicly, the draft 9-hole layout does not reconnect modern public golf design or an understanding of how golf is played: It appears to introduce long, inefficient walks between greens and tees. It configures holes in a way that does not currently exist on the ground, suggesting the topography has not been properly respected. The proposed new park on Moore Park South also seems poorly suited to the actual site conditions. For example, allocated sports fields on steep, hilly terrain that would require significant earthworks and removal of established trees. The suggested project costs of around \$50 million feels more realistically like something far higher once these works are properly accounted for. In my view, this is not good precinct planning, nor is an innovative or imaginative solution for such a significant inner-city green space.

3. Public golf in Sydney is already scarce and demand is booming. Golf participation in Australia is growing strongly, and public golf is the critical entry point for new players, juniors, seniors, families and people who cannot afford private club memberships. Moore Park is one of the few genuinely public, affordable courses in Sydney where the majority of tee times are available to everyday players, not just members. Reducing Moore Park to 9 holes will: Cut tee-time capacity dramatically (up to an estimated 60%), at a time when demand is increasing. Push more people onto surrounding public courses that area already at capacity. How will people play? Force many golfers towards private clubs with high joining fees and annual memberships, making the sport more exclusive and less accessible. This change effectively turns golf into a more elite activity just when participation is proving that people from all walks of life want to play. That is completely at odds with the goal of keeping community sport open and accessible.

4. Economic and environmental impacts have not been convincingly addressed. My understanding is that Moore Park Golf Course is a revenue-generating asset that helps fund the maintenance and upkeep of the surrounding parklands. If capacity is reduced and events (especially 18 hole corporate and charity days) fall away, revenue could drop as much as 60%. This raises serious questions: How will this shortfall be made up? Will taxpayers be expected to cover the gap through higher rates or other charges? Why would the state deliberately reduce revenue from an already successful and well-used asset? At the same time, the proposal appears to involve significant disturbance of existing landforms and potential removal of established trees to create new areas. It is hard to see how this aligns with environmental best practice when open platter fields already exist nearby. With Moore Park South being the site of an old incinerator and tip this also has the potential for health risks. Do we know what is buried there? And do we want to risk digging that all up? What I am asking the NSW Government to do I am not opposed to more public parkland, better paths or more community recreation. In fact, I support these goals. But I strongly believe they can be achieved without cutting Moore Park Golf Course to 9 holes. I respectfully ask that the NSW Government:

1. Work closely with the golf community and qualified golf architects. Engage with golf architects and the broader golf community to design a layout that uses the existing golf footprint more intelligently maximising playable holes, improving safety, and integrating flexible routing and modern park concepts. There is an 18-hole alternative plan that shows how this is possible while increasing parkland. Please collaborate with these groups and develop an endorsed alternative from Government that the community can see and assess.

2. Deliver a plan that supporting booming public golf, rather than reducing it. Moore Park should be the flagship for public golf in NSW a place where beginners learn, social golfers feel welcome, and serious golfers can play a proper 18-hole round. Shrinking it to 9 holes sends the opposite message at exactly the wrong time.

3. Respect the community's clear preference to retain 18 holes From what I have ready of previous consultations, the majority of community feedback supports retaining 18 holes at Moore Park. I ask the Government genuinely to listen to that feedback and respond with a plan that recognizes it, rather than pressing ahead with a politically driven compromise that doesn't serve the broader community. Moore Park Golf Course is not a luxury for the elite. It is one of the few truly public, affordable, accessible, working-class sporting assets left in the inner city. It plays a critical role in people's physical health, mental wellbeing, social connection and community fundraising. The Labour Party is meant to be for the working class Moore Park is a facility for the working class. Sydney can have both: a thriving 18-hole public golf course and more accessible parkland. I urge you to choose / provide an option that supports participation, equity and common sense.

Thank you for considering my submission.

Yours sincerely

MOORE PARK SOUTH – DRAFT ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

Submission
No. 126

Name: Lele, Tim

Date received: 13 November 2025

I am a public golfer that is very concerned about the proposal to reduce Moore Park Golf course to 9 holes.

Moore Park Golf is important to me because there is a significant lack of affordable public golf courses near Sydney CBD and a reduction to 9 holes will effectively halve the capacity of the course, which is already so busy.

I am concerned about the proposal to reduce the course to 9 holes. In my view the design lacks innovation, imagination, is unsafe and inefficient

The draft layout looks like it has been designed with no understanding of golf architecture, the topography of Moore Park South, the future users of the course and shows little creativity or modern thinking.

There are no attempts made to maintain a course that can be enjoyed and used by as many people as possible noting there are many local examples of 18-hole courses on footprints of less than 35Ha. Nor is there consideration for innovations like flexible routing, short-loop options or shared recreational concepts seen in world-class public golf designs.

Several proposed holes are clearly not safe and will require substantial fencing both around and within the boundaries of the course to keep golfers, and park users safe.

The inaccuracy of this plan suggest it has not been prepared by qualified golf architects or with oversight from the golf community. This must change.

Sydney's booming golf community deserves better. Public golf in Sydney is scarce and demand is growing

Moore Park provides affordable, accessible golf for all, serving 500,000+ visitors annually and connecting people of all ages and backgrounds.

Golf promotes health, fitness, and social inclusion—walking the course, learning the game, and connecting with others improves physical and mental wellbeing.

Participation is booming—Over 4 million Australians played in FY2025—and public courses like Moore Park are essential entry points for young people, women, seniors, and families. The course supports the local economy and Parklands, generating \$17M+ annually, while fostering community engagement and outdoor recreation.

Reducing Moore Park to 9-holes harms not just club members but the broader community that relies on it for health, social connection, and accessible recreation.

I respectfully ask that the NSW Government works with the golf community and leading golf architects to design a layout that maximises playable holes, safety and community access. We deserve a plan that supports the booming public golf community, not reduces it.

Thank you for considering my submission.

MOORE PARK SOUTH – DRAFT ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

Name: Leung, Jean - Paul

Date received: 9 November 2025

Submission in Support of Moore Park South I write in full support of the Moore Park South proposal to convert 20 hectares of existing golf course into community parkland. This is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to address significant open-space deficits for the rapidly growing communities of Moore Park, Surry Hills, Redfern, Waterloo, Green Square, Zetland and Kensington. The surrounding population is young, diverse, and increasingly apartment-based. Public open space is not a luxury; it is fundamental civic infrastructure. The proposal is therefore both timely and necessary.

Why I Support the Establishment of Moore Park South

1. Equitable access — Converts restricted-use land into welcoming, free open space available to the entire community.
2. Public health value — Supports physical activity, mental wellbeing, social cohesion and urban cooling – critical in dense, apartment-dominant precincts.
3. City-shaping significance — Creates a new “green gateway” to the east of the CBD, strengthening Sydney’s open-space network.
4. Restores balance — Retains 9-hole public golf while returning a large portion of land to multipurpose public use.
5. Population growth — Responds to current and projected density increases with appropriate social and environmental infrastructure. Recommendations for an Exemplary, People-Centred Park The following recommendations express strong support for the project and outline how Moore Park South can become best-practice public space — especially for adolescents and young adults, who are commonly underserved in park design.

All recommendations below avoid technology and instead focus on nature, social connection, movement, meaning, agency and identity — the core human givens.

1. Adolescents Need Purpose-Designed Space Teenagers are often the most invisible users of public space. Parks typically invest heavily in children’s playgrounds and adult recreation, yet provide almost nothing for young people aged 12–18. Recommendations

1.1 A Youth Green Commons A flexible, open, informal zone designed for:

gathering with friends

sitting, talking, resting

low-intensity social activity

unprogrammed “hanging out” Shaded seating clusters, natural materials, mounds, logs, gentle topography and semienclosed settings help adolescents feel ownership and comfort without segregating them from the wider community.

1.2 Informal, Drop-In Active Spaces Adolescents thrive when they don’t have to “book”, join a team, or perform. Provide:

- a multi-use grass court (informal ball games)
- free-play hoops (1–2 basketball rings)
- a smooth open apron (for skating, scooting, practising tricks)
- social run-around space The goal isn’t formal sport infrastructure – it’s informal, unstructured movement.

1.3 Natural Challenge + Movement Zone Using only natural materials (logs, boulders, slopes, balancing beams, ropework) create:

- climbing features
- balance challenges
- scrambling paths
- low climbing elements
- exploratory bush-play trails These meet adolescent needs for healthy risk, competence, mastery and physical expression.

2. Human-Givens Focus — Designing a Park That Nourishes Human givens are the psychological and emotional needs all humans share. A park that supports these needs will naturally attract people, support wellbeing, and foster community. Below is a deliberate design framework mapping the park to the givens.

2.1 Community & Connection Provide:

- large shared lawns for mixed-age groups
- group seating under mature trees
- picnic terraces
- places where families, teens, elders and neighbours naturally overlap Avoid overly segregating zones. Parks thrive on gentle mingling.

2.2 Privacy & Refuge Equally important to social spaces are:

- small groves
- quiet paths
- shaded niches
- secluded benches facing nature Adolescents, especially those living in crowded apartments, need places to decompress and find emotional space.

2.3 Autonomy & Agency Adolescents feel respected when the environment allows:

- freedom of movement
- choice of how to use space
- places to sit without being supervised
- areas not over-controlled by fencing or rules Co-design opportunities (murals, plantings, layout input) strengthen identity and ownership.

2.4 Meaning & Contribution Incorporate:

- community planting zones
- environmental care projects
- youth volunteering days
- habitat enhancement that young people can help maintain
- communal gardens or small wild meadows Contribution satisfies deep human needs for purpose and significance.

2.5 Sensory Environment Favour:

- textured plantings
- running water or small wetlands
- birdsong habitat
- seasonal colour
- aromatic herbs or native species with scent
- tactile natural materials (timber, stone, soil, grass) Sensory richness restores attention, calms stress and supports emotional regulation.

2.6 Movement & Play Movement is a core human need. Provide:

- walking loops
- shaded meandering paths
- open lawns
- natural gradients
- informal movement zones
- tree-lined running tracks Avoid hard, over-programmed, one-function facilities.

3. Nature-Forward, Climate-Resilient Design Sydney's inner city experiences significant heat. The park should:

- maximise tree canopy
- prioritise shade over ornament
- include water-sensitive urban design
- foster native biodiversity
- incorporate cool refuges
- create layered plantings, not just single-species lawns Nature is not decoration — it is infrastructure for emotional wellbeing and climate resilience

4. Social Infrastructure Without Technology Rather than tech installations (screens, interactive features, WiFi, devices), prioritise human social infrastructure:

- verandah-style shelters
- picnic decks
- cluster seating
- open event lawns
- places for music, small gatherings, community theatre
- community noticeboards (physical)
- shaded meeting nodes
- places teens feel welcome to “just be” This brings people into contact with one another — the opposite of technology's isolating tendency.

5. Safety and Comfort Through Design, Not Surveillance Good parks rely on design, not cameras or technological monitoring. Promote safety through:

- clear sight lines
- natural surveillance from paths
- lighting that enhances comfort but preserves ambience
- diverse activity zones bringing steady foot traffic
- seating near paths but not exposed
- Staff presence (gardeners, stewards) rather than policing

6. Governance and Stewardship Long-term success depends on strong governance:

- maintenance funding
- gardening staff
- community stewardship groups
- partnerships with schools and youth organisations
- ongoing evaluation of adolescent use
- seasonal community events Stewardship ensures the park remains alive and cared for.

Closing Statement Moore Park South has the potential to become Sydney's leading example of community centred, adolescent-inclusive, human-givens-aligned public space. I strongly support the establishment of the park and encourage the final plan to embrace:

- nature-rich environments
- flexible social spaces
- movement-friendly landscapes

- adolescent-specific areas
- opportunities for connection, contribution and meaning
- refuge, contemplation and sensory richness
- low-tech, high-human design principles This approach will make Moore Park South a welcoming, restorative urban landscape that meets the real needs of the people who live here — especially the many young people growing up in dense inner-city neighbourhoods.

MOORE PARK SOUTH – DRAFT ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

Name: Levy, Greg

Date received: 24 November 2025

I confirm I have reviewed the Moore Park South document.

My response consists of commenting on:

1. The community needs and precinct objectives outlined in the plan;
2. Impact on a highly utilised, important golfing asset; and
3. Conclusion

At the outset, I appreciate the importance of the Government continuously reviewing assets it owns for best use whether economically or socially.

Community Needs and Precinct Objectives

The review rightly points to the growth of the population in the precinct.

The principles of the review are however, with some exceptions, inherently vague.

The population growth nearby is relatively young and accordingly the demand is for facilities that support active recreation, particularly with the increase in flexible working that has broadened the demand for such facilities from out-of-work hours to through the day and evening.

Facilities in the precinct that provide for activity based recreation are highly utilised - Gunyama Park Aquatic and Recreation Centre, the tennis, netball / basketball and sporting fields. Given the demographics of surrounding areas, the need for additional vaguely defined, open space is less clear particularly given the existing stock of open space capacity that is not nearly fully utilised seven days a week.

Accordingly, commenting on the principles articulated:

1. Welcoming and inclusive what does this actually mean? It is so vague as to mean nothing the lack of specific purpose is consistent with a lack of clarity on the use of so much additional open space.
2. One park, many functions I think the question is should the park have many functions or a smaller, more focussed number of functions to ensure the efficient utilisation of all the space under the control of the Centennial and Moore Park Trust. I don't think many functions is the right answer.
3. Recognise heritage and culture this is so poorly defined as to not be capable of any meaningful comment

4. Restoring nature this is an extremely worthwhile objective. I would argue this can be done better in the context of a golf course that is properly maintained and embeds biodiversity both as a whole and within discrete, more protected areas. This objective is not contradictory to a golf course at all and having the benefit of a course maintenance team that can also assume responsibility for these areas is something that should form part of the course remit.

5. Accessible and connected certainly there should be a connection to the broader community the question is what is going to deliver the most impact for the local community and the answer is more active facilities given the demographics rather than passive, open space which will be barely used of a weekday, there are ample other open space resources and costs money to maintain.

6. Evolving over time this is too vague to comment on, it just seems to be saying let's put in some open space and we can just change our mind at any time.

Impact on Current Use

This review is very important as Moore Park Golf Course is both a highly utilised and high quality asset:

- a. The proposal substantially degrades not only a highly utilised asset but also a very high quality asset. The quality of the golf course should not be underestimated, it is an extremely good layout. In this regard, it is part of a tradition that many great cities have of high quality, well located public golf as part of the amenity for both residents and domestic and overseas tourists. Cities with this tradition and highly used and valued golf assets include New York (Bethpage), Chicago (too numerous to count), San Francisco (Harding Park) and Southern California (Torrey Pines). These cities value these assets, they contribute to the community and they also raise revenue.
- b. A nine hole course is a very material degradation. Not only will the number of rounds be reduced but flexibility is lost as to the type of rounds that are played. The cross-section of the community that the current layout caters for is broad younger golfers, beginning golfers, those working flexibly with limited time, serious golfers, retirees and tourists from interstate and abroad. Nine holes inevitably loses this flexibility and diversity of appeal. There are no nine hole golf courses that can cater to this diversity of golf audience and the current layout is a fundamental reason underpinning the success of the course.

2. Golfers are being given a far lower quality asset but being taxed more:

- a. The economic benefit to the State of compressing more golfers into hitting bays and offering less golf course to subsidise other activities is obvious. An unkind interpretation could be that the State's objective is to raise more money from a cohort it doesn't really care about to fund projects it likes. No one should delude themselves that adding more bays (good economics) and nice look bars and cafes substitutes for the actual experience of an 18 hole layout.

Conclusion

In summary,

I accept Government's need to continuously review assets owned on behalf of the community;

Moore Park Golf Club is an extremely valuable and rare asset providing a service to a wide cohort of demographics and is very highly utilised. This means a material degradation (which the proposal is) of this valuable asset should be very carefully

considered;

The demographics of the local community (with a younger age profile than other areas support) supports an increase in active recreational facilities versus passive; Environmental objectives can be easily achieved (and should be) within the envelope of a golf course and in fact the ongoing maintenance associated with a golf course should allow for better ongoing care of indigenous flora and fauna.

The conclusion I have reached in considering the plan is that Moore Park South should be reviewed to:

- (i) maintain a higher quality golf course offering that the nine hole plan,
- (ii) active recreational facilities reflecting the local community should be the priority point of connection with the local community (and the review of potential new facilities should extend to the better utilisation of all of Centennial and Moore Park),
- (iii) a biodiversity plan should be included as contemplated; and
- (iv) vaguely defined other principles including open space that is being kept as a future option as needs evolve, should be materially deprioritised reflecting both community demands for active recreation and the existing stock of open plan spaces.

Regards

MOORE PARK SOUTH – DRAFT ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

Name: Lewis, Beverley

Date received: 19 November 2025

Dear Moore Park South Project Team,

As a regular golfer who plays on public courses across Australia, I am very concerned about the proposal to reduce Moore Park Golf by 20 hectares. Public golf facilities are vital for community access and participation. Limiting them will only force people toward private clubs, where high joining fees and ongoing costs make the game inaccessible for many.

The government needs to understand that their facts are outdated — golf isn't declining; it's booming. According to Golf Australia, there was a 9% year-on-year increase in participation in 2023-24, with 3.8 million adult Australians playing. Over the past five years, club membership has grown by 19%. We need more public golf courses, not fewer, to support this tremendous growth in the sport.

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.

Thank you for considering my submission.

MOORE PARK SOUTH – DRAFT ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

Name: Li, Frank

Date received: 23 November 2025

The Honourable Moore Park South Project Team NSW Government Macquarie Street,
Sydney NSW 2000

SUBJECT: A Personal Plea for Prudence: Re-evaluating the Moore Park South Plan to Prevent Fiscal Recklessness and the Destruction of Public Sporting Heritage

Dear Project Team,

I write to you today not just as an Edgecliff resident, but as someone whose very identity as a Sydneysider was forged on the fairways of Moore Park Golf Course (MPGC). My history here is personal: in 1981, as a new immigrant, I would find stray golf balls to exchange for chocolate bars, small, defining act that cemented this land's role as a beacon of public access and community spirit. It breaks my heart to see this foundational memory, and this critical asset, facing an irreversible threat.

I wholeheartedly support the Government's goal of delivering new public space, but I must passionately object that the current proposal to reduce MPGC to a minimum 9-hole facility is a short-sighted and fundamentally flawed approach that compromises our shared public interests.

The Irreversible Loss of Public Sporting Equity

This proposal is not a necessary sacrifice; it is an act of social vandalism. This course was established in 1913 explicitly for the working class, and today it remains a vital public lifeline, successfully serving approximately 90,000 rounds annually, with 75% played by everyday citizens and international tourists. Just this year I have played rounds of golf with tourists from Busan, Seoul, California, Suzhou, Moscow and Tokyo. Cutting this capacity in half will brutally eliminate affordable, full-size access for thousands our seniors, juniors, and families precisely when golf participation is booming. Already other golf courses within a 10km radius are increasing their fees simple supply and demand calculus. This move is a betrayal of public sporting equity, leaving behind a compromised 9-hole layout is utterly unnecessary and short-sighted.

Significant Financial Liability and Flawed Design

I must passionately challenge the fiscal integrity of this plan. We are told the transformation costs a tidy \$50 million, yet internal reports exposed a catastrophic reality: a modelled overhaul costing \$245.8 million, signalling a 'significant financial risk'. This staggering \$200 million gap is an uncoded liability, a debt we are blindly passing to future generations. We risk leaving the promised high-quality green space severely underfunded. Do we, as a city, truly want our Government's word on cost modelling to be compared to the disastrous, loose budgeting that forced the Victorian administration to abandon the Commonwealth Games? We are better than this! The citizens of this city deserve better transparency and accountability on how our tax dollars are spent.

Furthermore, the draft design is shockingly flawed critics point to its architectural incompetence, failure to maximise playable holes, and the introduction of unsafe pathways that put park users and golfers in peril.

Undermining Global Standing and Local Infrastructure

The consequences ripple outward. Displacing 90,000 annual rounds will not make Sydney better; it will simply punish our commuters. The demand will scatter, forcing thousands of extra cars onto already congested arterial roads, placing an unintended, severe strain on regional infrastructure. We should feel profound shame that we are removing this resource while other global cities preserve theirs. Are we content to surrender the prestige of having a central, publicly available 18-hole course? We will leave Melbourne as the only other Australian State Capital with an accessible public golf course in the city CBD!

Recommendation for an Integrated, Fiscally Responsible Solution

Please, I implore the Project Team: act with vision and embrace true collaboration. Formally re-engage with the Moore Park Golf Collective's alternative proposal. This integrated design retains the essential 18-hole course (reconfigured for efficiency) while simultaneously incorporating extensive community amenities including a football oval, BMX pump track, and walking/cycling paths. This is the only solution that genuinely maximises capacity and safety while achieving your goal of new public space and ensuring genuine fiscal prudence.

Choose the solution that serves all Sydneysiders and preserves the heart of our sporting heritage. Do not let short-term pressure destroy a century of public access.

Sincerely yours,

MOORE PARK SOUTH – DRAFT ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

Name: Li, Patrick

Date received: 24 November 2025

I welcome the approval of the new development in Moore Park South by terraforming the 20 hectares of the old Moore Park Golf Course to a new playground and nature spot for Sydney siders to enjoy and spend time with while preserving and maintaining the old and current golf course next to Cleveland Street as well as minimising the disruption to native wildlife habitats and preserving current trees in the park.

I am also happy that the playground will also consist of a newly built 18 hole golf course, expanded driving and parking ranges, widening drainage new restaurants, and lots of access friendly pedestrian footpaths with powerful lighting at night, but confined to reduce impact on wildlife. These footpaths would also serve as a short cut connections between Anzac Parade and South Dowling Street and between Alison Road and Cleveland Street. The proximity to the wildlife adds to the enjoyment of the park, since it could be inviting to see wombats and owls hanging by the trees. The future Darcey Corner that will feature both informal and formal recreational activities are also welcome and I look forward to visiting this new location once the transformation is complete.

I also didn't know that Moore Park had a long history, formerly known as Sydney Common in 1866 and evolving till what is Moore Park South today. The transformation not only renews an unused space, but also respects the history and cultural heritage of the area at the same time, providing the much needed opportunity for future generations to learn about the history of the park. Aboriginal people in particular, enjoyed and could know more about the park than we do, so we want to make this the shared opportunity for both Aboriginal, immigrated and local citizens of Sydney to enjoy.

Overall, parks without trees decrease their value in wildlife habitat preservation and fighting global warming, since trees provide homes to owls and wombats apart from capturing the carbon dioxide from the air and providing oxygen for us to breathe, and shading us from the sun during the summer.

MOORE PARK SOUTH – DRAFT ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

Name: Lovegrove, Trent

Date received: 24 November 2025

A golfing alliance (Golf Australia, PGA of Australia, Golf NSW, Moore Park Golf Club) has put forward a counter-proposal that retains a full 18-hole golf course, while still creating new public amenities.

Their proposal includes multi-use recreation infrastructure: running/walking/cycling paths, BMX track, dog park, skate park, sports courts, playgrounds, and nature trails striking a genuine balance between green space and active recreation. This is not a take-or-lose situation: there is a viable, well-designed middle ground that satisfies governmental goals of more public space without gutting the golf course and its financial contributions.

Risks and Broader Impacts

Financial Risk: By relying on the lowball cost figure of \$50M, the proposal could expose taxpayers to huge cost overruns or require additional funding down the track especially if patronage of the new park is lower than projected.

Operational Risk: Loss of golf income may force cuts in maintenance either to the golf course or broader Parklands, affecting quality of both recreation and green space.

Community Risk: Golfers, especially those who rely on public, affordable access to a full 18-hole course, may be disenfranchised. The course has heritage value and has served the community for decades.

Environmental Risk: Tree-clearing and habitat disruption for the construction of the new park could undermine the ecological benefits the government claims to want to deliver.

Conclusion

Given the above, I urge the decision-makers to:

Reject the current proposal that reduces the course to 9 holes based on a misleading and likely dangerously under-resourced cost model.

Adopt the alternative 18-hole proposal offered by the golfing alliance, which provides for both green open space and continued full-course golf, along with new community facilities. Reassess the financial case transparently, with full public disclosure of the business-case estimates, the projected operating shortfall, and realistic patronage models for both golf and non-golf users.

Protect the heritage and recreational value of the Moore Park Golf Course as a public facility especially given its importance in the Centennial Parklands financial ecosystem.

By preserving the 18-hole course, the Government can still deliver its vision for more accessible, publicly accessible green space without destroying a financially valuable, community-loved, and historic public asset.

MOORE PARK SOUTH – DRAFT ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

Name: Lovric, L

Date received: 22 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. Also, if you are a golfer you would recognize that reducing a 18 hole course to a 9 hole facility is the death knell of the course.

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: Luk, Natalie

Date received: 24 November 2025

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposal to reduce Moore Park Golf Course from 18 holes to 9. As a long-term resident of Waterloo for the past 12 years, Moore Park has played a major role in my daily life. It is within walking distance of my home, and I spend many of my afternoons and evenings playing there after work. This course is not just a recreational facility it is part of my health, my routine, and my sense of community.

The course is already operating at or near full capacity, with tee times consistently booked and play often congested. Reducing the course to 9 holes would intensify this problem dramatically. It would restrict access for regular players and make it even more difficult for locals like myself to participate in the sport we love.

As a woman golfer, having access to a full 18-hole public course is especially important.

Opportunities for women to play regularly on quality, championship-style layouts are still too rare.

Moore Park is one of the few places where I can feel fully included, challenged, and supported in my development as a golfer. A 9-hole course cannot provide the same standard, challenge, or Legitimacy particularly for women who already face limited access in the sport.

It is also important to recognise that this should not be an either/or decision. The government has the capability and resources to create both an improved, accessible green space for the up-and-coming neighbourhood and retain Moore Park as a full 18-hole public course. These goals are not mutually exclusive. With smart planning, Sydney can maintain its sporting infrastructure while expanding open, inclusive green areas for all residents. There is no need to sacrifice one valuable community asset to create another.

Moore Park has given me meaningful friendships, a strong sense of belonging, and a place to participate in a sport I care deeply about. Preserving the full 18-hole course is essential to maintaining this community and ensuring that the game remains open and accessible to everyone.

I strongly urge decision-makers to reconsider this proposal and work toward a solution that supports both the golfing community and the broader public because Sydney deserves both.

Thank you for your consideration.

MOORE PARK SOUTH – DRAFT ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

Name: Luk, Nicole

Date received: 24 November 2025

I am writing as a young mother, an occasional golfer, and someone who hopes to introduce my 2- year-old son to the game as he grows up. I strongly oppose the proposal to reduce Moore Park Golf Course from 18 holes to 9, and I am deeply concerned about the draft design that has been released.

Although I am not a professional golfer, it is obvious even to a casual player that the proposed 9-hole layout lacks innovation, imagination, and basic understanding of safe, functional course design. The draft plan appears to ignore the natural topography of Moore Park South, the needs of future players, and the standards seen in modern golf architecture. Instead of exploring creative approaches, such as flexible routing, short-loop options, or shared recreational ideas used in world-class public courses the design feels rushed, inefficient, and outdated.

Several of the proposed holes also raise serious safety issues. Their configuration would require extensive fencing both around and within the course just to protect golfers and general park users.

This alone suggests that the layout has not been created by qualified golf architects or reviewed properly by the golfing community. Sydney's booming golf population deserves a design that is thoughtful, safe, modern, and inclusive, not something that compromises on basic functionality.

Public golf in Sydney is already extremely scarce, and demand is only increasing. Moore Park currently serves more than 500,000 visitors each year, offering affordable, accessible golf for people of all ages and backgrounds. For families like mine, it provides a rare opportunity to enjoy the outdoors, learn the game, walk the course for exercise, and form connections within a welcoming community.

Participation in golf is at an all-time high, with over 4 million Australians playing in FY2025. Public courses like Moore Park are essential entry points, especially for young people, women, seniors, and families. If the course is reduced to 9 holes, its playing capacity will drop by around 60%. Where are these people supposed to go, especially when surrounding courses are private, expensive, or already operating at full capacity?

Moore Park also contributes more than \$17 million annually to the local economy and the Parklands, supporting jobs, recreation, and broader community wellbeing. Reducing it to 9 holes would harm far more than just regular golfers, it would impact everyone who relies on

this space for affordable outdoor activity, social connection, and long-term health benefits. As a mother, I want my son to grow up with access to safe, well-designed public sporting facilities. I want him to have the chance to learn golf on a proper course, just as generations before him have.

The current plan does not support that future and does not reflect the needs of Sydney's growing community.

I respectfully urge decision-makers to reject the proposed 9-hole redesign and to protect Moore Park as the vibrant, accessible, 18-hole public course that families, beginners, and the broader community rely on.

Thank you for your consideration.

MOORE PARK SOUTH – DRAFT ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

Name: Mackway-Jones, Madeleine

Date received: 31 October 2025

I am writing to strongly oppose the proposed reduction of the 18-hole Moore Park Golf Course to nine holes.

This golf course is an important part of the local community, not just as a sporting venue but as a space where people come to reset, reflect, and connect. My husband regularly plays at Moore Park, and it provides vital time for him to decompress and recharge — time that ultimately makes him a better father, husband, and community member.

It is ludicrous to suggest that the eastern suburbs need more parklands when we already have Centennial Park, Queens Park, and some of Sydney's most beautiful beaches within minutes. My two-year-old daughter already has endless access to open green space — she doesn't need more parklands. What she will need as she grows up, however, are spaces that encourage sport and competition.

By removing Sydney's only public, competitive 18-hole course in the eastern suburbs, this plan sends a disappointing message to the next generation — that golf is not valued, that young people, women, and families aren't being encouraged to participate in a sport that teaches patience, focus, and respect.

The proposed reduction is short-sighted and does not reflect the needs of the broader community. Moore Park Golf is one of the few affordable and inclusive sporting facilities accessible to everyone — from beginners to serious players — and it deserves to be protected.

I urge you to retain the full 18-hole layout and to reconsider this plan in consultation with the golfing and local community.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback.

MOORE PARK SOUTH – DRAFT ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

Name: Maguire, Damian

Date received: 20 November 2025

I am the Captain of the Pennant Hills Golf course in NW Sydney and a Surveyor by profession and am very concerned about the proposal to cut Moore Park Golf by 20 hectares.

There have been multiple land developments in that precinct where hundreds of thousands of dollars have been contributed in developer Sect.94 contributions for the creation of open space. Yet the government solution is to take a thriving activity from the golfing public (including long standing members) and hand it back to the general public because of lack of planning within the recent development precincts

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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.

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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: Malicki, Chris

Date received: 21 November 2025

Dear Moore Park South Project Team

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

ONCE YOU TAKE IT AWAY IT – A GOLF COURSE LIKE THIS WONT COME BACK. WE ARE A GROWING CITY!!! WE NEED GOLF ACCESIBLE COURSES

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Thank you for considering my submission.

Yours sincerely

MOORE PARK SOUTH – DRAFT ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

Name: Mannix, Dean

Date received: 16 November 2025

Just voicing my concern for the planned resumption of parts of the course.

Public courses that make a high quality course available to everyone are rare globally and I've always loved that Sydney could boast something like Moore Park so close to the city.

Appreciate there's always two sides to the story but this is definitely a fail from my perspective and one that changes the way I think about voting and supporting those behind this decision.

MOORE PARK SOUTH – DRAFT ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

Name: Matteson, Gemma

Date received: 21 November 2025

Suggestions

It would be great to have non-fragmented dense native vegetation for wildlife habitat.

It would be great to incorporate plants used as bush foods/ medicine to be used as an educational tool for Australia's indigenous history.

Speak to Aboriginal elders and find the indigenous history of Moore Park and incorporate into the area.

Light pollution is a massive problem causing disruption to many wildlife species, however you can still have well lit pathways without contributing to the problem, some examples that have worked around the world are; sensor lights, lights that are directed downwards to minimise light spilling out the sides, red lights (this colour is not disruptive to wildlife). Minimise the use of grass. Grass is a monoculture which is high maintenance and has a high demand for resources such as water. Where ever possible it would be great to see native grasses or native ground covers used instead of lawn. These are much lower maintenance and still function well as a lawn substitute.

Include artificial tree hollows to encourage nesting by native animals.

MOORE PARK SOUTH – DRAFT ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

Name: McAuley, Libby

Date received: 24 November 2025

I am an avid golfer and am very concerned about the proposal to cut Moore Park Golf by 20 hectares. I think this proposal is ridiculous given the close proximity of Centennial Parklands to the Golf Course. Centennial Park can be relied on to serve the needs of nearby residents without having to withdraw any land currently used as golfing facilities at Moore Park.

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%. Based on current usage, the reduced number of golf holes would more than double the wear and tear on the course, and make tee times harder to obtain. Golf is a healthy and social sport enjoyed by so many in the nearby community and more widely. There is no need to remove this facility from the community who value it so much, when the very large Centennial Park is so close by. Why should golfers be discriminated against for their choice of sport ?

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.

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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.

MOORE PARK SOUTH – DRAFT ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

Name: McClure, Anthony

Date received: 20/11/2025

Dear Moore Park South Project Team

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. Reducing it to 9 holes would cut capacity significantly.

The draft design is inefficient, unsafe, and does not reflect proper golf course planning. It ignores the site's topography, creates safety risks that would need heavy fencing, and fails to meet the needs of golfers and park users.

I support the Alternate Proposal from the Save Moore Park Collective. Their plan shows that it is possible to keep an 18-hole public course while also adding new park and recreation facilities to benefit the wider community.

Moore Park Golf attracts over half a million visitors each year and is vital for affordable recreation, community connection, and health. Demand for public golf is growing, and reducing the course would harm many people's lives.

I urge the NSW Government to work with Golf Australia, qualified golf architects, and the golfing community to design a safer, smarter, and more inclusive park that keeps as much playable golf as possible while delivering the best outcome for everyone.

Thank you for considering my submission.

**Submission
No. 143**

MOORE PARK SOUTH – DRAFT ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

Name: McCrea, Ian

Date received: 20 November 2025

Save all 18 holes of Moore park golf course. Golf is a sport for people from 4 to 94years old to play.

MOORE PARK SOUTH – DRAFT ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

Name: McDonald, Stuart

Date received: 20 November 2025

Dear Moore Park South Project Team

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

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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.

Close by is the Moore Park green space and Centennial Park, a short bus trip takes you to Hyde Park and the Botanical Gardens. It is a lot harder to take a set of clubs and buggy on public transport. The other golf courses in the area are member only and high cost. As a Golfer, I enjoy the challenge of a full 18 different holes. The loss of 9 holes will significantly adversely impact my enjoyment at a time when I am looking to exit the workforce to increase my golfing enjoyment.

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.

Yours sincerely

MOORE PARK SOUTH – DRAFT ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

**Submission
No. 145**

Name: McFarland, Michael

Date received: 21 November 2025

Dear Moore Park South Project Team

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The environmental aspects of the plan would be included in the alternative proposal.

Looking at the area, there is so much open space associated with the various sporting fields surrounding the golf course, not to mention the wide expanse of land associated with Centennial Park which is very close by.

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: McIntosh, Norma

Date received: 22 November 2025

Dear Moore Park South Project Team

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 When I was 14 years old my parents gave me a gift of eight golf lessons and a golf club membership. They were not wealthy but this gift changed my life, I was not passionate about the game then but as time went on I returned to the game and eventually embraced it. I'm now 82 years old and I marvel at how that gift enhanced my life and health, both physically and mentally.

I am still playing 18 holes several times a week and I walk the course and embrace the friendships of fellow golfers men and women, from teenagers up.

And so I believe it would be a tragedy if we lost Moore Park 18 hole golf course...

MOORE PARK SOUTH – DRAFT ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

Name: McKegg, Chirs

Date received: 30 October 2025

Dear City of Sydney Council and Centennial Parklands Team,

I would like to congratulate you on the outstanding draft Establishment Plan for Moore Park South. It's inspiring to see such a well-considered vision for transforming this space into a vibrant, inclusive, and ecologically rich parkland for the community.

I would like to offer a few additional ideas for consideration that I believe could further enhance the park's value to the community:

1. Community Swimming Pool

Has the team considered including a public swimming pool, similar to the one at Prince Alfred Park? A co-funded model with entry fees could make this feasible. Given Sydney's hot climate and the density of apartment living in surrounding suburbs, a pool would be a highly valued amenity. Prince Alfred Park is quite a distance from Moore Park, and parking there is limited. Moore Park South presents a unique opportunity to provide a new, accessible pool for people of all ages. There appears to be sufficient space, potentially at the current site of the 16th green of the golf course.

2. Cafés and Social Spaces

The inclusion of cafés would be a fantastic way to activate the park and encourage daily use. A café could serve as a destination for morning walks, dog outings, or casual meetups. Centennial Park has demonstrated the success of integrating food and beverage offerings into parklands, and Moore Park South could benefit similarly.

3. Outdoor Fitness and Passive Recreation

The proposed outdoor fitness stations and perimeter loop track are excellent additions that promote health and wellness. I also encourage the inclusion of quiet, passive recreation areas—spaces for solitude, reflection, and relaxation—which are increasingly important in dense urban environments.

4. Multi-Purpose Courts – Consider Padel

Could you clarify what types of multi-purpose courts are planned? While tennis, basketball and netball are common, I suggest considering padel courts, or at least partially including with a couple of courts. Padel is the world's fastest-growing sport, with over 70,000 courts globally, yet fewer than 15 exist in inner Sydney. The sport is accessible to all ages and abilities, with lower barriers to entry than tennis. There are currently only three courts at the Entertainment Quarter and ten in Alexandria, and demand far exceeds supply. A padel facility could be managed similarly to Prince Alfred Park's tennis courts, with a booking and fee system to support operations.

I would be happy to discuss this further if helpful.

Thank you again for your work on this transformative project. I look forward to seeing how the plan evolves and hope these ideas can contribute to its success.

MOORE PARK SOUTH – DRAFT ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

Name: McLauchlan, Dianne

Date received: 20 November 2025

Dear Moore Park South Project Team

As a senior golfer 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. Why would you even consider reducing it to 9 holes - a ridiculous plan of action if I may say so.

The draft design will reduce capacity by 60%! It does not address the site's topography or demonstrate innovative public golf design thinking. Most importantly the needs of current and future golfers and public park users do not appear to have been given the consideration deserved.

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: McMahon, Patricia

Date received: 24 November 2025

I strongly object to the proposed changes to Moore Park Golf Course.

Moore Park is the only 18 hole public, affordable and accessible championship course in the area. It gets used by hundreds of visitors and locals every day.

Leave Moore Park Golf alone and plan better before you build.

MOORE PARK SOUTH – DRAFT ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

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Name: McNaughton, Keith

Date received: 31 October 2025

I applaud the progressive and forward thinking for Moore Park South - wonderful.

Some suggestions: The nets around the driving range and golf course will need to be much higher - balls often fly over these.

Leisure: What about also including a skate park and some tennis walls / basketball half courts at the north end of this.