

MOORE PARK SOUTH – DRAFT ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

Name: Casey, Thomas

Date received: 20 November 2025

Dear Moore Park South Project Team,

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Name: Catterall, Rob

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Feedback on the draft Moore Park South Establishment Plan

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Perhaps take some of Randwick race course instead and save some lives lost to gambling.

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Name: Church, Jeff

Date received: 20 November 2025

Dear Moore Park South Project Team

I am a Moore park golf course user and have been for more than 20 years.

I agree with all the comments below.

How can you even consider destroying such a fabulous extensively used public golf course such as this?

Go after the Australian if you must. Can't get on there...!!!!

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Name: Clemens, Ray

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Dear Moore Park South Project Team

I cannot understand why the Govt wants to destroy an existing financially viable golf course for more parklands when Centennial Park is just adjacent and under used.

It would appear that the state will be putting huge sums into a new configuration which will cost over \$250 m for questionable returns.

This is political folly.

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Name: Clemow, Liz

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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. We keep hearing that there are a lot of golf courses around the area but the majority are private courses and even if you could afford the exorbitant joining fees it can take years to even get your name on the list.

Moore Park is a beautiful well looked after course very close to the CBD and in easy reach of so many people. It is also very affordable to play 18 holes. To reduce the course to 9 holes is a complete waste of a magnificent golf course.

There is a lot of other park land around the area – the massive area just next to Sydney Boys High – has anything been done to make that a great place to go to. No – nothing has been done there. Probably no money. Where will the government get all this money to redevelop this area. The trust spends a lot of money looking after Centennial Park which is literally across the road. There is more than enough park land.

Moore Park has approximately 99,000 rounds played every year – it is very well used. Why would you reduce this fantastic golf course.

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The driving range is a very successful business and provides a huge income for the Trust. If all these people are using the driving range they will also want to use the golf course.

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Name: Cohen, Leon

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This must be one of the most incomprehensible proposals ever put forward. There is so much parkland currently available! Centennial Park, areas opposite the Entertainment centre, currently available at Moore Park. Your proposal is a joke and politically motivated.

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Name: Cole, Jackie

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We are not supportive of this Plan. Carving up this great public facility in the middle of our city removes a public amenity which is used by many people and such a rare facility to have in our locality.

There is a large park area - admittedly with a big hill - just next to SupaCentre in Moore Park. Being local residents, we see some people already using this area for dog walking, strolling with prams and jogging.

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Name: Connolly, Mark

Date received: 24 November 2025

I am strongly opposed to any proposal to cut Moore Park Golf Course (MPGC). This is not an underused asset and not a land-use mistake to be corrected. MPGC is one of the best-performing, most heavily used public recreation facilities in New South Wales, and removing half of it would be a decision the government would regret.

This is what the data clearly shows:

1. MPGC is exceptionally well used far more than nearby parks

Greater Sydney Parklands states that MPGC delivers:

965,000 hours of recreation use,

500,000+ visits per year, and

\$7.1 million in annual operating profit.

By any measure, this is a high-demand, high-value, high-impact community facility.

Nearby parks such as Centennial Park and Queens Park simply do not generate this level of daily structured activity, social participation or economic contribution. They are passive spaces, important, but not comparable.

Replacing a high-use structured sport facility with more passive lawn is a downgrade, not an upgrade.

2. Cutting the course will worsen recreation inequality

High-density communities surrounding Moore Park, Zetland, Redfern, Waterloo, Surry

Hills rely on structured, affordable, accessible recreation. MPGC delivers exactly that:

City golf at public prices, Lessons and coaching for juniors, beginners and others who want to learn the game, A safe recreational environment,

Year-round activity for older adults and social groups.

Removing the 18-hole course takes away the only major structured sport asset in this precinct. That is a loss these communities cannot afford.

4. A far better solution already exists: full 18 holes + 15 ha new public access

The Moore Park Golf Collective has proposed a plan that:

Retains the full 18-hole public course,

Opens up 15 hectares of new public recreation space,

Improves access, permeability and walking routes,

Adds courts, play areas, nature zones and paths.

This solution increases public access without destroying a thriving community sports venue.

Conclusion Moore Park Golf Course is a high-use, high-value, financially self-sustaining community asset. Removing half of it is unnecessary, wasteful, and harmful to local recreation equity.

The right decision is clear:

Keep the 18-hole course and adopt the 15-ha access-improvement plan.

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Name: Connelly, Paul

Date received: 13 November 2025

I strongly oppose the destruction of the Moore Park 18 championship Golf Course on the following grounds:

Use:

It is the busiest public golf course in the southern hemisphere

It is used 7 days a week, from sun-up to sundown.

No other sporting grounds within the Moore park / Centennial park area are used as intensively as this sporting facility.

Visitors to Sydney love playing on a course so close to the city

It is a fantastic amenity, it should be hands-off, to vested interests

Its already green space and used significantly more than the rest of Moore Park

Destroying a Golf Course & a Golf Club:

Turning an 18 hole championship course into a 9 hole recreational course, destroys the championship course and the amazing facility that it is.

It would decimates a 110 year old Golf Club & the membership, as all members need to play on a championship course for their handicap rating.

9 hole golf courses are not viable options for golfers. Eg Cammeray Golf Course

Why would you want to destroy such a fantastic facility, enjoyed & used by thousands of people, all day, every day, 7 days a week?

Alternative:

Retain the 18 hole championship course with a professional redesign.

Convert the under-utilised soccer & rugby fields, the basketball courts etc instead.

Those sporting grounds are not used 7 days a week, all day, every day, they are typically only used on the weekends.

Sports fields are massively under-utilised compared to the Golf course

Other parts of Moore Park also hardly get used today. Until those areas get used, there is no justification for annexing additional, busy areas.

There is no demand for additional green space, except by vested interests.

Privilege:

The course & club was set up for the everyday working men & women.

The membership fees and daily rates reflect that fact.

It is not as Clover Moore claims only used by the privileged. That is a complete misleading, socially divisive & emotional statement and should be retracted.

Conflicts of Interest:

Clover Moore has a vested interest & owns property opposite the golf course, on the other side of the Eastern Distributor that she claims needs access to green space ,Äì it's in her vested, financial interest to push for this.

Poor Governance:

Council would have foreseen a shortage of greenspace with all the residential development they signed off on along the Eastern Distributor.

They had a duty as councillors to enforce the developers to create the green space within those developments, Why didn't they do that.?

Why does the busiest Golf course get targeted because of Council incompetence?

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Name: Cook, David

Date received: 29 October 2025

Why tear down this golf course to build a park when you have the biggest parkland in Sydney across the road, this seems to be a waste of money and time?

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Name: Copp, Douglas

Date received: 17 November 2025

THE FUTURE OF MOORE PARK SOUTH - SUBMISSION

WHY I SUPPORT THE RETENTION OF AN 18-HOLE GOLF COURSE

WHAT WE HEARD REPORT

Respondents are in favour of retaining an 18-hole golf course. There are existing open spaces that have low amenity and could be improved. (Refer Further Information)

GOVERNMENT FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

Is the government's proposal fiscally responsible?

The government has already spent \$2.6 million and plans to spend another \$50 million over 3 years. NSW Government state debt is \$178.8 billion. The budget deficit is \$3.4 billion. How can the proposed outlay be justified? Surely there are higher priorities e.g. essential workers pay, spending on hospitals, fixing country roads, drought relief for the parts of the state already in drought, and so on. Nowhere in the proposal is a Cost Benefit Analysis and Expenditure Budget. There will be a significant loss of revenue due to the dismantling of MPGC, reduced tee times and reduced green fees; 9-hole golf is cheaper than 18-hole golf.

DISMANTLING THE 18 HOLE GOLF COURSE END OF A TRADITION

Moore Park Golf is a major contributor to Centennial Parklands revenue.

Reducing the golf course to 9 holes will have a negative impact on revenue, loss of members, reduced tee times, reduced green fees. It probably would be the end of the 105-year-old club with its proud tradition. (Refer Further Information)

THERE IS A BETTER WAY USING EXISTING UNDER-UTILISED OPEN SPACES

There is a plan that gives up golf course land while retaining an 18-hole golf. This was prepared by MPGC, Golf Australia, Golf NSW and presented to the NSW Government. It would appear the plan has been ignored.

There is under-utilised open space in Bat & Ball Oval, Moore Park 3, Moore Park West and the open spaces that are occasionally used for car parking.

Another concept is:

- o The holes along South Dowling Street be incorporated into the new park (holes 15, 16 & 17).
- o This would provide a broad corridor linking Mount Steele, Bat & Ball Oval, Moore Park 3 and Moore Park West, which would be further developed.
- o The golf course could make up the 3 holes lost by shortening some holes, using the chipping green, and using spare space.
- o This must be a cheaper alternative than the current plan.

GREAT CITIES

There are great cities in the world with public access 18-hole golf courses close to the city centres. The 18-hole Moore Park Golf Course is unique being so close to the CBD and serviced by public transport. The golf course is popular with overseas visitors.

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Further Information

WHAT WE HEARD REPORT

It appears the proposal ignores, What We Have Heard. Existing open spaces have low amenity and could be improved. A 9-hole golf course may not be attractive to players. Members leaving would see a decrease in social, health and economic outcomes. There is a lack of alternative, publicly accessible 18-hole golf courses in the eastern suburbs. The existing golf course is a significant contributor to Centennial Parklands revenue. Allow the park to evolve, 55% want the 18-hole golf course retained. Roadening the golf offering 84% want a golf course. Community-based sport 62% want an 18-hole golf course.

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Moore Park Golf Course has a proud tradition which would be trashed by this proposal. In 1913, the City of Sydney made provision for, a fine golf course at Moore Park will be open to players of the humblest means. Sydney Morning Herald, 13 May 1913.

The fundamental premise for MPGC, established in 1920, was to provide a playing opportunity for golfing enthusiasts, who could not afford the fees at the exclusive private golf clubs.

A 9-hole golf course would result in a substantial decrease in revenues.

Members would leave; playing rounds decreased.

MPGC has a proud tradition in competitive golf. The fear is that many of the competitors would leave the club.

- The current teams are: Women's Grade Pennants, Silver Inter-Club, Bronze Inter-Club, Summer Cup.
- Men's Major Pennants, Inter-Club Challenge, Masters Pennants, W Gibson Shield, T L Warren Shield.
- Mixed Pennants. MPGC hosts the Sydney Amateur International, a 54-hole event which is recognised by World Amateur Golf Ranking and Golf Australia. This would no longer be played. There are important issues that need to be addressed.
- There are Life Members who paid upfront fees to play at an 18-hole golf course. What are their legal rights?
- The course would need to be re-rated and new handicaps determined.
- For continuing members, how will they be compensated while the course is reconfigured.
- How long will the re-configuration take? What is the revenue impact?

Conclusion:

It would be a good outcome to retain an historic 18-hole golf course while ceding some land for community use. I hope all parties can work together in reaching a suitable outcome.

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Name: Cordony, Phil

Date received: 29 October 2025

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Name: Cox, Geoff

Date received: 30 October 2025

I am writing to advise my strong objection to the NSW Govt proposal to reduce Moore Parl Golf Course to 9 holes to accommodate other facilities.

Aside from this being the absolute wrong thing to by the community there are significant reasons not to progress that (I'm sure plenty have been tabled already). I don't know the numbers of people that have written to reject this or participated in surveys but I'm sure they would greatly outweigh any community support for the proposal. Surely that should be the litmus test for any decision.

I'm not looking to go into any detail rather wanting to note my objection as a ratepayer and resident at nearby Bondi. A few points though:

- There is already an abundance of public green space in that are including Centennial Park, Queens Park, areas of Entertainment Quarter, fields adjacent to the SCG (and across the road at the end of Driver Ave), ovals just outside Moore Park golf course, and many more. These are not over-crowded and already provide plenty of area for families etc. Why not upgrade some of those?
- I know plenty of people who have played there (myself included) because it is one of the few accessible and affordable golf courses in the area. Now my son and his friends play there for that very reason.
- Reducing to 9 holes would make it almost impossible to get a game and change what is a n enjoyable place to play to a frustrating process for a simple golf game.
- Why waste tax payer funds very unnecessarily on something like this that really is not wanted or welcomed.
- This really looks like some sort of vanity project but please just listen to the people who it impacts.
- Surely there are more critical initiatives that this money could be used for such as hospitals/health, homelessness, roads etc.
- Quite frankly the people who are making positive approaches in opposing this should not have to be put under such stress to protect their way of life. Leave them be!

My question honestly is why do this to the good people of this community? If Governments are in place to improve the lives of tax payers this is not the way to do it!

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Name: Cubis, Brent

Date received: 30 October 2025

Dear Moore Park South Project Team

I have played Moore Park a number of times over the years when I have had friends out from the USA or UK as it's close to the city, a good course and they loved it. It is for this reason I am very concerned about the proposal to cut Moore Park Golf by 20 hectares.

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Name: Cuda, David

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Moore Park is one of the few affordable 18-hole public golf courses near the CBD. Sydney already has a shortage of accessible public golf options, and reducing Moore Park to 9 holes would result in a 60% reduction in capacity – a huge and unnecessary impact on the golfing community given it is one of Australia’s most used courses.

There is also significant land within the broader Moore Park and Centennial Parklands area that is currently underutilised and could be better activated for public recreation without requiring the loss of such a vital sporting facility. It is unclear why the proposal targets existing sporting land when other open areas could be developed to provide new community spaces without undermining public sport and recreation access.

The draft design appears inefficient and lacking in golf course design expertise. Several holes present obvious safety risks and would require extensive fencing. The plan also does not reflect the site’s topography or demonstrate innovative thinking in modern public golf design, nor does it meet the current and future needs of golfers and community park users.

I fully support the Alternate Proposal submitted to the NSW Government by the Save Moore Park Collective. It demonstrates that an 18-hole public course can be retained while still delivering new park and recreation infrastructure that transforms Moore Park South in a way that meets growing community needs. My ask is that you work with the Collective and other experts to meaningfully explore this design for future generations.

Moore Park Golf serves more than half a million visitors annually and is a critical asset for affordable recreation, community wellbeing, and public health. Demand for public golf is growing, and a reduction in capacity would severely and negatively affect thousands of people who rely on it.

Again, I respectfully ask the NSW Government to partner with Golf Australia, qualified golf architects, and the wider golfing community to design a safer, more innovative, and more balanced outcome – one that retains as much playable golf as possible while still delivering high-quality public parkland.

Thank you for considering my submission.

Yours sincerely

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Name: Dammers, Derk

Date received: 11 November 2025

Moore Park Golf Club is steeped in history and a course which can be played in weather conditions which are closing down many other clubs.

The lay-out is challenging. There are many other parks in the vicinity, i.e Centennial Park which are underutilised.

The decision to change the course is politically driven.

I am 100% against the plan.

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Name: Davis, Ed

Date received: 21 November 2025

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

Good urban Public access golf courses are rare and especially ones located close to the city.

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Name: Dawson, Jonny

Date received: 5 November 2025

The draft Establishment Plan for Moore Park South presents a major opportunity to deliver high quality recreational infrastructure in the heart of Sydney's eastern suburbs. To maximise the value, I strongly recommend the inclusion of a dedicated BMX pump track and/or mountain- bike (MTB) trails within the precinct. These amenities would meet a demonstrable need, provide safe and attractive opportunities for active youth and families, and help channel informal, potentially unsafe cycling activity into a purpose- -designed facility.

Need and justification

1. Gap in local provision – Although there are some pump tracks and MTB trails in the broader Sydney region, there remains a relative scarcity of such facilities in the eastern suburbs close to the city, particularly those accessible for children and teenagers. For example, the Haslams Pump Track at Sydney Olympic Park is a strong facility with beginner, intermediate and advanced circuits accessible for all ages; the Wylde Trails in the Western Sydney Parklands offer 15 km of purpose built trails and a pump track but are located significantly further from the inner eastern suburbs; and the OMV Pump & Jump Track in eastern Hornsby is not easily accessible for many families in the eastern suburbs. Locally, Randwick City Council is in the process of establishing a pump park at Cromwell Park North, Malabar, further demonstrating recognised demand in this region. Given the population density of the eastern suburbs, the relatively short travel time to Moore Park, and the limited number of high- quality nearby facilities, locating a pump track/MTB component- at Moore Park South would fill an important gap.

2. Emerging informal use and safety/amenity risks – Anecdotal reports indicate that children and teenagers are creating makeshift pump tracks and jumps in public open spaces such as East Queens Park (Carrington Road) and other local parks. While this demonstrates latent demand, these informal tracks may carry safety risks, cause wear on open space, and involve unsanctioned construction. By providing a dedicated facility in Moore Park South, the Plan would direct this activity into a safe, purpose designed environment with appropriate supervision, materials, drainage, maintenance- and design that mitigates injury risk and wear on the surrounding landscape.

3. Benefits for youth, families and community health – A pump track or MTB trails are inclusive, allowing children of all skill levels to participate, families to engage together, and facilities to cater for learners through to advanced riders. Such facilities promote active outdoor recreation, supporting physical health, coordination, balance and bike skills, particularly in areas with a high youth population and a need for safe recreation away from traffic. They also provide a destination asset for the precinct, increasing visitation, promoting

social connection, and complementing other uses of Moore Park South by offering diversity of use. From a strategic planning standpoint, delivering this kind of amenity aligns with contemporary open space- goals of providing active play and multi-generational recreation and helps future-proof the precinct.

Proposed location and design considerations – Within the Moore Park South precinct, the pump track/MTB facility should be located in a flatter, visible area, accessible from the shared path network and ideally buffered to minimise conflict with passive recreation uses. Design should cater for a variety of users, including beginner skills areas, intermediate circuits and more challenging lines for older teenagers, incorporating banked turns, rollers, berms, jump or dropline options and a -high-quality surface finish. The facility should be integrated with spectator and parent viewing, shade seating, drinking fountains, bike parking, lighting for twilight use, and accessible design for adaptive bikes. Maintenance modelling should be included to ensure -longterm viability, including drainage, surface wear and signage. Consideration should also be given to linking the track or trails with existing shared- -path or parkland circulation so riders can access the facility safely from surrounding communities.

Demonstrated demand – Council consultation in the Randwick City area found that 54% of respondents said they would use a pump park facility. Latent demand in the eastern suburbs is further supported by informal track building and active lobbying by local groups, such as the Malabar bike-park initiative. The lack of closer facilities means a pump track at Moore Park South would serve a wide catchment, including inner eastern suburbs and the city fringe, and provide a more convenient destination than facilities located further away.

Alignment with the Establishment Plan and wider precinct benefits – The inclusion of a pump track/MTB facility contributes to the multifunctionality of the Moore Park South precinct, broadening its appeal beyond passive recreation and formal sports fields. It supports the precinct as a destination for youth, families and community recreation, potentially driving visitation, improving activation of open space and adding to overall site vibrancy. It may also assist with open space- management by channeling high energy cycling into a designated area, reducing informal or unplanned use in unsuitable zones, and lowering wear, risk and maintenance burden. The facility would also provide a visible asset that communicates the precinct's commitment to active, contemporary recreation and health- promotion objectives-.

Summary – In summary, I strongly encourage the Steering Committee and Council to allocate dedicated space in the Moore Park South Establishment Plan for a BMX pump track and/or mountain bike trail facility. This amenity is well justified by current supply gaps in the eastern suburbs, existing informal demand, and the clear benefits to youth, families and the broader community. With thoughtful design and integration, it will enhance the versatility and attractiveness of Moore Park South, deliver a high- value recreational asset, and provide a safe, engaging environment for wheeled- -recreation users of all ages.

Thank you for the opportunity to make this submission. I look forward to the concept design phase and to seeing how this component- is incorporated into the broader precinct.

Yours sincerely,

MOORE PARK SOUTH – DRAFT ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

Name: Deverich

Date received: 20 November 2025

NB: Alternatively you could install some low lighting and allow people to exercise and walk their dogs at night. 12 hours of golf and 12 hours of exercise. That's fair!!!

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

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

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

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

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

Thank you for considering my submission.

MOORE PARK SOUTH – DRAFT ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

Name: Dick, Greg

Date received: 12 November 2025

Dear Moore Park South Project Team,

My name is Greg Dick, I live in Kensington, and I have been using Moore Park Golf for over 20 years as a member of the Moore Park Golf Club. For a number of years I was the club treasurer. I play once or twice a week as family time permits. I am about to retire which is something that I have been looking forward to for a long time. Moore Park golf forms a large part of my retirement plans to stay active, healthy and engaged with the community. I had also hoped to introduce my sons to the game by playing at Moore Park. I will not remain a member of a 9 hole course, nor pay to play such a course socially. This view is consistent with every other person that I have spoken to at the club. I paid a joining fee of \$4,000 to be part of an 18 hole golf course. If you take this facility away could you please refund my joining fee. I make the following comments regarding the Moore Park South proposal. 9 Holes 9 hole golf is not supported by golfers. The club will loose more than 80% of its members and the Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust will loose the resulting revenue. I am concerned that you have been receiving input from consultants that are very limited in their knowledge of golf. I understand that the club has submitted a compromise plan that would allow 18 holes to be retained whilst also giving up land for parkland. This should be seriously considered. The current 9 hole plan is poorly conceived:

- The golf land should be used to maximise the number of playable holes and public capacity, not reduce it
- The current design lacks innovation and imagination and does not reflect modern public golf planning
- The inaccuracy of this plan suggest it has not been prepared by qualified golf architects nor with oversight from the golf community
- several proposed holes are quite dangerous and will require substantial fencing,
- Two of the proposed holes are very short par fours. This will increase pace of play issues not reduce them as proposed in the submission.
- Golf participation is growing, and Moore Park is one of the few affordable public courses accessible to everyone in Sydney. Moore Park is one of the busiest public golf courses in Australia
- Parking The proposed car park on Dacey Avenue looks like it will fit around 10 cars. Where are people going to park without a majority of the parklands taken up by car parks? Dacey Avenue is a very busy thoroughfare. This will cause significant traffic problems with implications for road safety. I have witnessed many accidents on this road as a result of the lights at the Supa Centre. This will duplicate the problem on the other side of the road, with potentially fatal consequences.
- Public Safety The area surrounding South Dowling Street, Cleveland Street and Dacey Avenue is extremely busy. Introducing a significant number of pedestrians into this corridor will have safety implications, and potentially fatalities, unless an

overpass is constructed over South Dowling Street. I note that there is currently an overpass at Anzac Parade due to this risk, so that students from Sydney Boys and Sydney Girls high schools can access the light rail.

- Very significant fencing will be required north of Dacey Avenue if recreational users are to be protected from golf balls.
- The proposed layout does not have the tree cover that currently exists on the 14th and 16th holes for example. These trees capture many balls that would otherwise clear the fence.
- Also, the proposed layout has many holes where right handers slice toward public areas, which, particularly with novice golfers, creates far greater risk to public safety. Reducing this risk, i.e. right handers hook rather than slice towards public areas, was a fundamental aspect of the golf course redesign in the 1990s. This is just one example where it is apparent that no golf expertise has been incorporated into the proposed layout.

Capital Budget The capital budget of \$50 million is inadequate to complete the works identified. What work has been done to determine the proposed capital allowance? It is clearly inadequate. Just a cursory examination of the plans indicates that this will run into the hundreds of millions of dollars. It will become yet another Government project that massively blows its budget.

Operating Budget The Moore Park golf precinct currently contributes significant surplus funds and occasionally equipment and labour to the management of the parklands. Not only will revenue be significantly reduced with a 9 hole course, there will also be additional parklands that will cost more to maintain. As a result, the annual deficit that Government is required to fund will be significantly increased. Mini Golf Putt putt golf is a gimmick that belongs at places like the Big Banana. It is a different concept to actual golf and will not be patronized by people that use the golf facilities. There are already putt putt venues at Alexandria and Darlinghurst, so there is no need for this concept and the land could be put to better use.

Sports Field The proposed sports field appears to be centred around the current 11th green. This is at the top of a hill and significant levelling will be required to construct this. Refer comments above regarding capital budget. There is significant underutilised land north of Sydney Boys High that would be suitable for sports fields.

Drainage All greens on the current course are elevated and have no major drainage issues. It appears that the only reason drainage is an issue in the proposed plan is because greens have been relocated to low lying areas of the current fairways. **Pump Track** If this plan proceeds, could you please incorporate a pump track so that at least my sons will gain some benefit from the destruction of golfing facilities.

Conclusion I respectfully ask that the NSW Government: Retain an 18 hole course at Moore Park for the benefit of the public golfing community and Government finances, whilst releasing land for public parkland. Seriously consider the plan that has been put forward by the Moore Park Golf Club to this effect. Work with the golf community and leading golf architects to design a layout that maximises playable holes, safety and community access. Deliver a plan that supports the booming public golf community, not reduce it.

Thank you for considering my submission.

Yours sincerely

MOORE PARK SOUTH – DRAFT ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

Name: Diessell, Oliver

Date received: 6 November 2025

Submission in response to the Establishment Plan for Moore Park South

Overall, I think the plan looks good. While it would be nice to keep things the way they are, times change and our needs change with them. The plan attempts to balance the competing desires of various groups that have had a long to brief association (so far) with Moore Park.

The one are I am concerned about is the apparent lack of planning (so far) for pedestrian movement, particularly from the Surry Hills side, but also from the Kensington and SCG/SHS sides of the proposed park. By far the safest option, and least disruptive in the long term, would be to add a number of new pedestrian footbridges into the funding arrangements for the new park. If this is not done, I fear the traffic snarls around Moore Park are destined to become considerably worse as pedestrian crossing times have to be increased to accommodate the volume of expected visitors.

Another less important issue, but no less relevant in terms of safety, is planning to actively prevent EV cycles (I'm thinking particularly delivery riders, but also irresponsible youngsters) from using the park either as a short cut or as an environment to race and threaten the peaceful, safe enjoyment of the park by pedestrians, children and dog walkers. I don't think signage is sufficient. Perhaps thought needs to be given to the design of entry gates that make it impossible to enter without walking ones bike?

MOORE PARK SOUTH – DRAFT ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

Name: Dixon, Liam

Date received: 18 November 2025

Dear Moore Park South Project Team

I'm actually so p***ed off with the local government!! All you care about is filling your pockets. Leave the golf course to the people. Don't hide behind this. We have centennial park. We have plenty of open green space. Don't lie!!

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thank you for considering my submission.

Yours sincerely

MOORE PARK SOUTH – DRAFT ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

Name: Doyle, Tim

Date received: 19 November 2025

As a regular user of public golf facilities, I am deeply concerned about the proposal to remove 20 hectares from Moore Park Golf.

Moore Park is one of the very few reasonably priced, full-length 18-hole public courses close to the city centre. Reducing it to nine holes would cut its playing capacity by roughly 60%, which would have a significant impact on an already busy and highly valued community facility.

The draft concept design appears to overlook essential principles of golf course planning. Several of the proposed holes present obvious safety challenges that would likely require substantial barriers or fencing. In addition, the layout does not seem to account for the natural terrain, nor does it reflect contemporary thinking in public-course design or the needs and expectations of current and future golfers and park users.

I strongly support the Alternate Proposal submitted by the Save Moore Park Collective. Their design demonstrates that it is possible to retain an 18-hole public course while also creating new parkland and recreational spaces for the broader community. I urge you to collaborate with the Collective and relevant experts to fully consider this option so that Moore Park South can serve future generations effectively.

Moore Park Golf welcomes more than 500,000 visits each year and remains a vital resource for affordable recreation, social connection, and public health. Demand for public golf continues to rise, and any reduction in the course would have substantial negative consequences for many people.

I therefore ask the NSW Government to work closely with Golf Australia, qualified golf-course architects, and the wider golfing community to develop a safer, more forward-thinking plan that maintains as much playable golf as possible while delivering a high-quality public space for all.

Thank you for your consideration.

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MOORE PARK SOUTH – DRAFT ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

Name: Easterbrook, Alexander

Date received: 24 and 26 November 2025

I refer to the NSW Government's public consultation on the Moore Park South Establishment Plan dated 28 October 2025 (the "Establishment Plan").

I oppose conversion of 20 hectares of Moore Park South into a "new public park", masterminded by the Sydney Lord Mayor and NSW Premier, on the basis that it is contrary to the legislative procedure enacted by the NSW legislature for the management, planning and protection of Centennial Park and Moore Park.

Introduction

The NSW Government's Establishment Plan is a study in poor public governance by its principal perpetrators, Sydney Lord Mayor Clover Moore and Premier Chris Minns. Not long after Labor won the 2023 election, these two leaders of the executive arm of government together announced, with no warning or opportunity for debate, and as a "done deal", their decision to change the western half of the Moore Park Golf Course bordering the M1 Eastern Distributor into a "new public park" referred to as Moore Park South.

Since then, the NSW Government has conducted and controlled the process to implement this decision. This includes two rounds of "public consultation" on what the new public park should comprise - but providing no scope for input on the decision itself. The first round of public consultation resulted in the "What we heard – The future of Moore Park South consultation" report in December 2024, which in response to consultation "with the community and stakeholders on their vision" "outlined the decision" made by the NSW Government.

It is, however, apparent that the NSW Government progressed to their Establishment Plan stage independent of the community and stakeholder feedback received. Notably, a majority of submissions (55%) to the first round of consultation disagree with the decision to cut the full 18-hole golf course in half and support its retention.

That is not how change - let alone major change - to a century old section of public parkland is prescribed to be made by legislation stretching back to the early 1980s as enacted and from time to time amended by the legislative arm of government, the NSW Parliament.

Legislative framework

The Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust Act 1983 (NSW) (the "CPMPT Act") appoints the Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust (the "CPMP Trust") as a statutory corporation with a Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust Board (the "CPMP Trust Board") in charge of CPMP Trust lands including Centennial Park and Moore Park (which includes the Moore Park

South area) with appropriate duties and responsibilities. One such responsibility for the CPMP Trust Board is to have and implement an approved plan of management (covering among other things the use of, and the activities carried out on, the land) and to review that plan of management at least every 7 years.

The CPMP Act includes a prescribed process for the CPMP Trust Board to undertake public consultation before making any review decision, including before making any change to the existing plan of management. And, whilst the CPMP Act contains the usual provision in legislation of this nature that the CPMP Trust is subject to the control and direction of the relevant NSW Government Minister, being the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces (the "Minister"), the provision specifically excludes this control and direction in relation to the contents of a report or recommendation made by the CPMP Trust to the Minister.

Therefore, the CPMP Trust is authorised and required to complete its independent plan of management, which is then to be submitted to the Minister, as the executive arm of government, for approval. The Minister can then approve (or disapprove) the plan of management in whole or part.

In summary, this legislative framework governs how these iconic and precious public parks are to be controlled, developed, managed and run in an objective, professional and transparent manner. The legislative framework also protects against short cut interference or opportunism by the executive arm of government - and that interference and opportunism is exactly what is now in full swing with Moore Park South.

Moore Park Master Plan 2040

The required statutory procedure was faithfully followed in 2015 when the CPMP Trust announced that it was developing the first ever master plan for Moore Park as a template for its development and operation for the next 25 years.

As a first statutory step the CPMP Trust called for submissions from the public and other bodies, institutions and organisations for their ideas and wish lists for what they wanted from Moore Park. The Trust also engaged a range of consultants and other experts to advise and assist in the production of the master plan. The work involved a look at Moore Park in its "urban context" and considered a wide range of issues, including financial and funding, and how the whole area could be better rationalised and utilised for the benefit of the whole parkland and its many public users.

Following analysis of the submissions and the other work referred to, the CPMP Trust produced a comprehensive draft plan and, as required by the legislative framework, submitted it for a further round of public consultation. Upon completion of this phase, which included analysis of further public submissions (the two rounds attracted over 700 submissions), the CPMP Trust produced its final Moore Park Master Plan 2040 in April 2017 (the "Master Plan").

The Master Plan is a comprehensive and high-quality piece of work running to 75 pages, with a further five appendices each covering different topics and running to many further pages. Production of the Master Plan would, understandably and justifiably, have cost a small fortune.

With the Moore Park Golf Course comprising a significant part of the Moore Park area, the golf course was one of the key issues looked at. The Master Plan was in favour of retaining the full 18-hole course in the context of, among other things, improvements and rationalisations which could be usefully made in other sections of the parkland. In coming to this conclusion, the Master Plan made reference to a number of important factors, including

the current and forecast population growth and resulting building developments bordering the parkland and the consequent need for green space and recreation. (Accordingly, the NSW Government's subsequent attempt to rationalise the removal of 20 hectares of Moore Park Golf Course under the guise of the need for new park space to support the needs of growing communities is unjustified.)

The media release accompanying the Master Plan's announcement also made clear that the large number of submissions in favour of retaining the full course played a role in the final decision.

Again, in accordance with its legislation, the CPMP Trust submitted the Master Plan to its responsible NSW State (then Liberal Government) Minister for approval.

Events since

The proposed retention of the full 18-hole golf course did not please Clover Moore, who heavily lobbied the Minister against approving the Master Plan (or the part of the Master Plan which favoured retaining the 18-hole golf course).

Clover is a formidable and veteran politician with a reputation for getting what she wants. She is the long serving Sydney City Mayor and, until the recent Sydney City Council election, her party has had majority control on the Council. Her party remains the largest party on the Council but no longer has an absolute majority and the next generation deputy mayor comes from another (Liberal) party.

Clover has been a vocal critic and opponent of the 18-hole Moore Park Golf Course for decades. Her approach has been unrelenting with no holds barred, even incorrectly portraying the course as an exclusive club for rich members depriving the public of access to their public park (see the Appendix to this submission for the factual situation).

Clover has tried different angles to truncate the course. One angle was to take away the southern 7-hole section across the busy Dacey Avenue. However, that section is bordered by a procession of developments and two major roads, making large number public access problematic. Golfers access that section by a dedicated narrow bridge over Dacey Avenue. Moore Park South suffers from similar public access issues with the M1 Eastern Distributor separating it from major populations across the distributor. A narrow footbridge and pedestrian road crossings are currently the only means of access.

Until the emergence of Moore Park South, Clover's campaigns have been unsuccessful. In particular, the Minister approved the whole Master Plan, including the retention of the full 18-hole golf course, and the course has continued as normal since.

In 2022, the Greater Sydney Parklands Trust (the "GSP Trust") was created by the Greater Sydney Parklands Trust Act 2022 (NSW) (the "GSPT Act") to be the parent and operating Trust of the CPMP Trust and a number of other trusts of major parks in the Greater Sydney area. Consequential amendments to the CPMP Trust Act have substituted the GSP Trust for the CPMP Trust.

Moore Park South was announced in October 2023.

Where is the Trust?

An obvious governance question is “where does the Greater Sydney Parklands Trust Board (the “GSPT Board”) stand in all of this? What has it been doing since Moore Park South was unveiled?

The GSPT Board inherited trusteeship of Moore Park and the authority, duties and responsibilities of the CPMP Trust under the CPMPT Act, which includes the planning of Moore Park. Should the GSPT Board not have been standing up and demanding that it be allowed to fulfil its statutory role and duties in charge of this planning?

The Chair of the GSPT Board is an experienced lawyer (former partner of one of the big four Australian law firms) and board director, including other major government appointments.

The governance issue would be no stranger to him.

The GSPT Board minutes are disclosed on the GSP Trust’s website. Like all such documents available to public access, they are carefully and briefly drafted. It can be difficult to glean the whole picture. It does appear, however, that the GSP Trust was as much in the dark as the general public prior to Minns’ and Clover’s announcement of Moore Park South. The “matters discussed” at the November 2023 meeting includes that the GSPT Board “[r]eceived an update on the recent NSW government announcement to transform part of Moore Park Golf Course into a new parkland”. Subsequent meetings further indicate that the GSPT Board received updates from time to time on, rather than conducting and controlling, the Moore Park South matter.

What should have happened?

The proper course for the Premier and Lord Mayor to have taken would have been to request the GSP Trust to review the Master Plan, as required by Division 3 of the GSPT Act. This also would have allowed the Premier and Lord Mayor to make clear their own wishes in that regard.

Instead, they chose to gazump the GSP Trust and take matters into their own hands.
Author qualifications

The author is well qualified and experienced to raise the matters canvassed in this submission.

I am now fully retired but during my working life I was a partner for 23 years of another of the big four Australian law firms. I witnessed firsthand the “corporate cowboys” of the 1980s, including Alan Bond and Laurie Connell, using small shareholdings to gain control of major publicly listed companies, plundering their assets and destroying the value of mum and dad investors. That fuelled my interest in corporate governance and, when I left the law firm, I founded, along with two new partners from the merchant/investment banking sector, the first corporate governance consultancy in Australia. The clients were initially big fund managers and insurance companies, but are now mainly big super funds responsible for investing the superannuation contributions of millions of Australian and other workers. The consultancy, now part of an international group based in San Francisco, reports to its clients on the governance of publicly listed companies and makes voting recommendations on shareholder resolutions.

I lived for over 10 years in a house bordering Centennial Park just above the Federation Pavilion and was active in local community affairs. That led to my becoming the first

Community Consultative Committee member appointed by the Minister to the CPMP Trust Board. Through this role, I had firsthand exposure to the operation of the CPMP Trust Board, including the tension between the CPMP Trust and the State Government on the funding of the parks. The CPMP Trust was under pressure to raise money itself to fund its expenses and did so in a number of ways (e.g., by making various parts of the park available from time to time for various major events including rock concerts).

I would go walking the dog and running in the parks. Today we live a few kilometres from the parks but I still take our current active and athletic dog walking in Centennial Park on a weekly or more frequently basis.

I have also played many times on the Moore Park Golf course, although these days I play my golf with a group of friends on the North Ryde golf course.

My objective

My objective in making this submission is to bring to public light the important public governance issue and breaches at stake in the hope that other members of the public or institutions may be motivated to do something about it.

Addendum:

I refer to my 5 page (including a 1-page Appendix) Submission dated 24 November 2025 on the Moore Park South Establishment Plan lodged with you on that date.

On re-reading my Submission I realise that I had mixed up my “Easts” and “Westes” in the third and fourth paragraphs of the Appendix of the Submission dealing with the original Sydney Common.

The phrase “..to the west of the small Sydney settlement..” in the second line of the third paragraph of the Appendix should be “..to the east of the small Sydney settlement”.

And the phrase “..on its eastern reaches nearer Sydney..” in the second line of the fourth paragraph of the Appendix should be “..on its western reaches nearer Sydney..”

These errors would be obvious to any reader familiar with the local geography but they should be corrected.

Accordingly, I attach a corrected pdf of the Appendix. Please substitute in the lodged Submission this corrected version for the Appendix as contained in the lodged Submission.

APPENDIX. THE PUBLIC MOORE PARK GOLF COURSE

As indicated in the main body of this submission, its objective is to bring to light the important public governance issue and breaches at stake.

It just happens that the facts from which this issue stems involve the future of a particular part of public estate - 20 hectares of Moore Park comprising half of the 18-hole Moore Park Golf Course. But that future is important and relevant of itself and this Appendix covers a number of matters worth consideration from that perspective.

Centennial Park and Moore Park are the two most iconic and important remaining green spaces from the huge Sydney Common originally set aside to the east of the small Sydney settlement for green space and recreation by Governor Macquarie in the early days of the

NSW colony. The land comprised mainly swamp and sandy soils and was not suitable for European style agriculture.

Over many years the Common area has been hugely whittled down for various purposes and uses, including, on its western reaches nearer Sydney, Sydney Boys High School and counterpart Sydney Girls High School, the Sydney Cricket Ground, the Showground where annual agricultural shows used to be held, the equestrian complex and the Entertainment Quarter, not to mention huge swathes turned over to residential and commercial development.

From very early days, there have been two golf courses on Moore Park. The first, named the Australian, lasted only a few years. Two Scottish migrants founded the second in the model of the traditional public Scottish golf course. It survived and was improved over the years under the vigilant stewardship of the Moore Park Golf Club and is still going strong and recently celebrated its 100th anniversary. That vigilance included seeing off various attempts to impinge on the green space, such as the noxious incinerator and chimney stack used to burn rubbish, and the dogs and cats “Home” (but, in fact, used for the collection and destruction of stray dogs and cats with their bodies burnt in the nearby incinerator). A concerted campaign by the Moore Park Golf Club eventually had those monstrosities removed.

It has remained true throughout its history to the Scottish model. Any member of the public can play the course simply by booking an available tee off time and paying the requisite green fee.

And thousands do every year, ranging from novices to top class players. The course is so popular and busy that the pace of play can be slow. It would be one of the most heavily used courses in Australia and on a square metre/day in day out basis is probably the area of Centennial Park and Moore Park that is most heavily utilised by members of the public.

A key attraction of the course is its quality and the golfing challenge it presents. It has long been a championship standard 18-hole golf course and in happier times Sydney City hosted tournaments on the course.

The course is only 4km from the Sydney CBD (I know of no other world city with a public championship course that close) and also attracts overseas visitors, some of whom even bring their own golf clubs to play this iconic course.

Nowadays the Moore Park Golf Club itself is a shadow of its former self. It no longer controls, maintains, manages or operates the golf course. The CPMP Trust (now read GSP Trust) has two operating agreements, one with the organisation Clublinks for the maintenance, management and operation of the golf course, and the other with the Moore Park Golf Club under which the club “buys” a fixed number of golfing slots for its members. The GSP Trust reviews from time to time and fixes the number of slots available to the club.

All of the revenue from the golf course and adjoining driving range goes directly to the GSP Trust and its surplus is available for funding other activities and responsibilities of the Trust. Cutting the golf course in half will significantly reduce the multimillion-dollar revenue earned by the Trust.

MOORE PARK SOUTH – DRAFT ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

Name: Elliot, Bruce

Date received: 30 October 2025

Why waste my time, I responded to the original survey and made a submission and as I found out afterwards Council and State Govt had already made their collective minds up on what they were going to do with Moore Park no matter what feedback or criticism they received in the surveys or submissions.

So why waste my time asking for more input into something that has more than likely already been decided on.

Absolutely appalled how this sham of a process unfolded

MOORE PARK SOUTH – DRAFT ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

Name: Faneja

Date received: 23 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.

A 9 hole golf course is not sufficient and I believe there is scope to include an 18 hole course and public amenities within the precinct.

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Yours sincerely

MOORE PARK SOUTH – DRAFT ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

Name: Farrell, Mike

Date received: 21 November 2025

I think that it is a real shame that the local authority feels it needs to reduce the amount of space allocated to the golf course, particularly at a time when across the world courses are being lost to housing and other needs. I feel that the lack of golf courses which are affordable to the public are in such decline that the game itself will be lost to future generations.

The available space within Centennial Park is vast and already there are many areas in which the public can relax and enjoy the open spaces without affecting the golf course. Could there not be other areas that are less used that could be set aside like for example the land used for equestrian activity. I am sure that anyone who can afford a horse could afford to travel outside the Centennial Park area, whereas many of the retired people that play golf and live in the city may not be so affluent. The numbers travelling would also add to more congestion, something the city could do without.

Please leave Moore Park Golf course as it is and consider promoting it's use to safeguard it for future generations.

MOORE PARK SOUTH – DRAFT ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

Name: Ferguson, Garry

Date received: 1 November 2025

Your pictures look impressive. BUT in an earlier email to your group, I identified that the existing golf course covers less than 15% of the overall parkland in which the current Moore Park Golf Course is located. Why is it that, all of the new parkland is being taken from such a small area of the overall parkland. Beggars' belief or just a demonstration of political bias.

How does the City of Sydney propose to replace the massive cashflow from the existing golf operation? Two options spring to mind – reducing the spend on, community activities, local welfare spending, reduced infrastructure, and maintenance issues or increase the taxes on all the existing taxpayers in the city of Sydney.

I look forward to a timely response to these simple questions. Impressive, expensive pictures don't support details and go anywhere to answering my questions.

MOORE PARK SOUTH – DRAFT ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

Name: Feyder, Robbie

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.

I learnt to play at Moore Park and I have constantly returned over the years. It is an extremely valuable facility for the community and is visited by many interstate and overseas golfers. These visitors and myself would only be interested in an 18 hole course. I for one will not play Moore Park in a new 9 hole configuration.

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MOORE PARK SOUTH – DRAFT ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

Name: Fictoor, Wynton

Date received: 18 November 2025

Dear Moore Park South Project Team

This is one of the biggest slap in the faces to men's and womens mental health. Golf is a game that gets people out of the house and talking, it's a huge way for people to tackle their mental health demons and closing down 9 holes of this course will potentially cost people their lives.
HUGE MISTAKE!!!

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Consultation data shows that over 29,500 people signed a petition to retain the 18-hole course, and more than 75% of written submissions opposed the reduction. Golf is one of the fastest-growing sports in Australia, especially among women and youth. This overwhelming support reconnects the community's desire to preserve Moore Park Golf Course in its current form.

Economic Impact of Moore Park Golf Course

Based on 100,000 annual visitors and considering direct spending plus multiplier effects, Moore Park Golf Course contributes significantly to the local economy.

Estimated losses can be expected to be between \$32 million (112 jobs) - \$97 million per year (339 jobs)

These account for direct spending on green fees, hospitality, and retail, as well as indirect and induced effects through wages and supplier networks. They align with tourism economics practice and benchmarks from ABS Input, Output tables and international golf studies.

Nationally, golf delivers \$3.3 billion in annual community and economic benefits, and golf tourism alone contributes \$336 million. Moore Park is a critical part of this ecosystem and its reduction would undermine Sydney's ability to capture these benefits.

I urge the NSW Government to reconsider the current proposal and adopt a more inclusive and intelligent design that retains the full 18-hole course while expanding recreational opportunities for all.

MOORE PARK SOUTH – DRAFT ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

Name: Fischer, Matt

Date received: 21 November 2025

Dear Moore Park South Project Team

I am a public golf course user and President of a Regional Victorian Public Golf Course (Wangaratta), from review of the proposal, I am very concerned on the amenity impact to reduce Moore Park Golf by 20 hectares.

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MOORE PARK SOUTH – DRAFT ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

Name: Flack, Simon

Date received: 20 November 2025

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Moore Park is one of the few affordable 18 hole public courses near the CBD and reducing it to 9 holes will have a huge impact to the golfing community and international visitors who play golf, as it is one of the most used courses in the country.

Moore Park has massive amounts of green space already and an extremely good mix of sporting facilities including Moore Park Golf Course. Why change something that isn't broken and works well.....

We have many areas of green space across NSW that are in need of investment and affect a far broader cross section of our State population than the Moore Park area. Politically, I believe this is a much better funding alternative.

Thank you and regards

MOORE PARK SOUTH – DRAFT ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

Name: Folcarelli, Garry

Date received: 20 November 2025

Dear Moore Park South Project Team

I have been a golfer for about 55 years, member of the former Kogarah Golf Course for 33 years now member at Oak Point Golf course. I enjoy a game at Moore Park Golf on occasion and am very concerned about the proposal to cut Moore Park Golf by 20 hectares.

We recently lost Kogarah golf club at Sydney Airport to a developer. The proposal for Moore Park will be yet another negative impact to sporting facilities in the city area.

Golfers, young and old, should not be penalised for decisions made by City Council to allow significant redevelopment over the last 20 years in the area without making sufficient allowance for open space amongst all those developments.

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Date received: 24 November 2025

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I believe that the Moore Park district, including the massive Centennial Park, has already got enough (comparatively) parkland, open space, beaches and other community facilities, some of which are significantly under-utilised by the local population. As a Summer Hill resident, I believe our local community is starved of these types of facilities. Consequently, as a keen golfer I must travel to Moore Park to enjoy a serious round of golf on a public access course. We cannot let this fine and historic facility be reduced to a smaller 9 hole design.

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MOORE PARK SOUTH – DRAFT ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

Name: Fox, James

Date received: 23 November 2025

Dear Moore Park South Project Team

There's plenty of park land already guys! Golf it wonderful and must be cherished.

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MOORE PARK SOUTH – DRAFT ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

Name: Foxton, Andrew

Date received: 20 November 2025

Dear Premier,

This is a particularly bad choice by a government that will only bring additional hurt to your government. Your governments plan is wrong on so many any levels and will only bring your government down.

The lack of consultation and dialogue is not conducive to open and effective government.

“Commercial In Confidence” is a term that is fluttered about by governments and businesses generally when they are trying to hide something. It is being used way to often in this particular case.

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Name: Frankland, Conrad

Date received: 16 November 2025

Dear Sir or Madam,

I write to give feedback on the plan for Moore Park South. I do not see anything in the plan which guarantees the preservation of the mature trees which line Dacey Avenue.

I would like the plan to guarantee their preservation.

What assurance can you provide on this matter.

Regards,

MOORE PARK SOUTH – DRAFT ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

Name: Freeman, Vivienne

Date received: 20 November 2025

Dear Moore Park South Project Team

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MOORE PARK SOUTH – DRAFT ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

Name: Gannon, Melita

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Name: Gawthorne, Mitchell

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. This is a slippery slope to be considering, as the affordability and accessibility offered by the Moore Park Golf course enables the average person to access and enjoy the game of golf. Without this facility in its current format, this accessibility will be significantly reduced, greatly reducing the ability of many to play and enjoy golf, both now and into the future.

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MOORE PARK SOUTH – DRAFT ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

Name: Gillieatt, Jay

Date received: 24 November 2025

Car parking

The Establishment Plan's proposal for a car park is an unnecessary and unwelcome use of land. The park is located in a high density area and is accessible via walking, cycling and bus routes.

There is already a very large existing car park adjacent to Moore Park Golf, and grassed areas are used as overflow parking for special events. Dedicating further land to car parking takes up land that could be used for recreational space or biodiversity and is a visual impost upon the landscape.

It is also likely to create traffic impacts on Dacey avenue with cars entering and exiting and possibly require a further signalised intersection. To the extent any new carparking is introduced it should be solely reserved for vehicles with disability permits.

Exposure to noise and pollution

It is noted that facilities are clustered along the boundary with South Dowling Street/Eastern Distributor. This road is a source of noise and pollution that will inevitably impact upon and reduce the amenity of adjacent use of the parkland. Amenities, grassed areas etc should be clustered further into the centre of the park with dense plantings on the land fringing the motorway and other roads to act as an acoustic and visual shield. Acoustic shielding should be considered to protect the amenity of the parkland.

Access

Moore Park South is in close proximity to high density housing but pedestrian access is from these areas is poor. The single pedestrian bridge over the Eastern Distributor located in Redfern is too far for residents of Zetland and Waterloo. Greater Sydney Parklands should work with TfNSW to implement a new pedestrian bridge from Waterloo to the new parkland to allow for direct access.

Greater Sydney Parklands should work with TfNSW to address slip lane crossings at the intersections of Dacey Avenue/South Dowling Street, Cleveland Street/South Dowling Street and Anzac Parade/Cleveland Street surrounding the park to improve connections. These slip lanes are dangerous, hostile to pedestrians and increases the time to cross to the parkland. Overcrowding of the traffic islands at the Anzac Parade/Cleveland Street can create a dangerous situation for pedestrians crossing from Moore Park to Centennial Park.

The lack of a direct crossing between Moore Park South and Centennial Park at the Dacey Avenue/Anzac Parade intersection all needs to be addressed. It is not acceptable for pedestrians to need to cross six sets of traffic lights to pass from Moore Park South to Centennial Park.

It would also be preferable for a separated cycleway to run along Dacey Avenue to reduce the amount of cyclist and pedestrian conflict.

Thank you for considering my submission.

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MOORE PARK SOUTH – DRAFT ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

Name: Godenzie, John

Date received: 31 October 2025

I live in Zetland this park will be a great asset to me to walk to congratulations to NSW GOVT.

MOORE PARK SOUTH – DRAFT ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

Name: Gorman, Chris

Date received: 20 November 2025

Dear Moore Park South Project Team

I am a public golf course user and have been since the age of 30. I am now 74 and have enjoyed a form of exercise which is ideal for seniors. I feel that the proposal to cut Moore Park Golf in half would be a dreadful step akin to the destruction of historical buildings and landmarks to pander to the egos of self serving politicians. With an aging population the government should be trying to foster recreation areas for seniors.

The politicians allowed overdevelopment of the Zetland area, without reserving land for public parks and then decide to remove a public facility to make up for their lack of judgement and foresight.

Chris Minns has decreed that more high rise developments must take place in my area, the Northern Beaches, without supplying any advancements in public transport or other public amenities while at the same time halting the improvements to Mona Vale Road, one of the three roads which link the area to the rest of Sydney and an extremely dangerous thoroughfare. With no rail service and a poor bus service people are forced to use their cars. This is the same poor planning that has taken place around Zetland.

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MOORE PARK SOUTH – DRAFT ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

Name: Gould, Layton

Date received: 24 November 2025

I make this submission in my capacity as the General Manager of Cammeray Golf Club. During the past 5 years, Cammeray Golf course has experienced turmoil like that proposed for Moore Park golf course.

Approximately 40% of Cammeray golf course was resumed by the Department of Transport for NSW in 2021 for the Warringah Freeway upgrade and Western Harbour Tunnel project. Prior to the resumption, our course was a relatively short 9 hole public access course. During the resumption, we operated progressively as an 8-hole and then 6-hole facility (impact of Transport for NSW early works), were completely closed for almost two years for reconstruction, and reopened as a 9-hole par-3 course in July 2023. I understand firsthand what happens when government infrastructure needs collide with public golf facilities.

However, unlike our situation where resumption was necessary for critical transport infrastructure, the proposed reduction of Moore Park from 18 holes to 9 holes is a policy choice arising from poor housing and planning approvals - not an infrastructure necessity.

There are many other golf courses in Sydney that are currently, or have been, seen as a cheap land grab for an alternative use including Carnarvon, Marrickville, Kogarah and Wallacia.

And it is the wrong choice for Sydney.

Golf is one of Australia's highest participation sports and statistics indicate 3.8 million adult Australians played golf at a golf course, driving range, simulator or minigolf facility during 2023/24.

Golf is not a declining sport requiring less infrastructure. It is a booming sport with growing demand, particularly among young people, women, and families, exactly the demographics Sydney should be encouraging into organised, lifelong physical activity. At Cammeray, our reigning Club Champion is 15 years old, and we have members in their mid-90s playing regularly. This is golf's unique value proposition: it's one of the very few sports that can be played from early childhood through advanced old age.

In an aging population facing rising health costs, we should be protecting and expanding access to one of the few physical activities that involves 4-5 hours of walking and light exercise, can be played socially across generations, provides mental stimulation and strategic thinking, offers outdoor activity and social connection and remains accessible as people age and other sports become impossible.

With respect to the existing Moore Park golf course layout and facilities, it is one of NSW's most utilised public courses and their driving range offers a unique value proposition that very few other courses in Sydney can offer.

The current design is 18 holes of Championship standard and offers social golfers the opportunity to play a course with a strong combination of holes ranging from 130m to 550m (a strong selection of par 3, 4 and 5 holes). A publicly accessible 18 hole course of that length is a rare proposition, particularly on the lower north shore of Sydney whose residents can readily travel across the bridge to Moore Park!

Cammeray (9 hole course) is now exclusively par 3 holes ranging in length from 80m to 160m for a total length of 1,043m.

Northbridge is a short 18 hole course (and has 12x par 3 holes), Castle Cove is a 9 hole course, Balgowlah is a 9 hole course and Lane Cove is a 9 hole course (although impeded by a new sports facility development).

All of these courses, like Moore Park golf course, are grass roots facilities and support participation in golf.

I understand the pressure to provide more passive open space for a growing population. But Moore Park Golf Course is already serving tens of thousands of people annually with active, organized, lifelong physical activity in a fully accessible public facility.

Reducing Moore Park golf course to 9 holes is not a compromise, it's a fundamental downgrade that will limit access, reduce participation, and undermine the viability of one of Sydney's most successful public sporting assets.

Thank you for considering this submission.

MOORE PARK SOUTH – DRAFT ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

Name: Grieve, Sandra

Date received: 24 November 2025

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Name: Grusovin, Jane

Date received: 24 November 2025

Submission AGAINST the ESTABLISHMENT PLAN MOORE PARK GOLF COURSE

I object to the new Establishment Plan that is halving Moore Park Golf Course to create a 20-hectare park, and ask that the Premier and NSW Government reverse its decision, or if necessary explore an alternative plan that ensures the preservation of an 18 hole golf course.

This new Establishment Plan has more holes in it than Swiss Cheese.

The Moore Park Golf Course is a critical and essential recreational facility which serves the whole of Sydney. The Moore Park Golf Club contributes substantially to the funding of Centennial Park, Moore Park, Queens Park and now also Callan Park. This Establishment Plan reducing the 18-hole course to a 9-hole course would substantially reduce the income from it. Any loss of revenue will be strongly felt across our Parklands.

Whilst the NSW government expects to spend \$50M on the carve up, others are saying the figure could climb to \$250M+. To spend taxpayer's money to replace a successful, extremely profitable and well-loved public 18-hole champion golf course in Sydney with this new Establishment Plan that carries with it huge financial risk makes no sense at all, especially when Moore Park West is virtually empty.

The Premier has no mandate to do this, this is a Captains call.

This Establishment Plan does not honestly, fairly and transparently respond to community feedback on the Future of Moore Park South.

This Plan provides for a variety of community recreation uses on a toxic dumping ground with poorly thought-out design including a children's playground next one of Sydney's busiest arterial roads.

Degrades the parklands by hard surfacing areas to give connectivity across Moore Park, to activate the area, losing green space and trees in the process Loss of biodiversity

Concerns:

This is a dangerous and ill-thought out design.

The location of the site poses huge challenges for access and connectivity, particularly for residents to the west and southwest.

Access improvements will need to be made to deliver this project (including a new pedestrian bridge) but there is no mention of this at all in the new Establishment Plan. That bridge alone would cost \$50M.

This will be a financial black hole with the Daily Telegraph reporting the cost will be more like \$250M and concerns of additional financial risk on top of that.

Problematic access to the proposed carpark on Dacey Ave

Loss of trees along Dacey Ave to accommodate the carpark

There will be loss of greenspace to accommodate a tarmac surfaced carpark

This site once housed a tip and refuse incinerator - toxic dumping ground will soil likely contaminated with asbestos and other dangerous materials. Where are the soil tests? It is dangerous to build a children's playground next to one of Sydney's busiest roads due to pollution spewing from trucks and car exhausts

Overview:

Having been a resident of Zetland, Kensington and now Beaconsfield over the last 30 years I am very familiar with Moore Park Golf Course, and the Centennial Parklands that include Centennial Park, Moore Park and Queens Park.

Since Clover Moore became Lord Mayor of Sydney in 2004, we have seen the development of the Green Square precinct as well as the mass overdevelopment of Zetland, Rosebery and Waterloo. Under Clover Moore's watch over these last 21 years we have seen many of these major developments approved by herself and her team at the City of Sydney Council. Most of these developments have been approved without appropriate green space being provided within the development for future residents. Poor planning indeed.

We advocated for the City of Sydney to consider the old Suttons Holden site on Link Rd for parkland which would have made much more sense than converting Moore Park Golf Course.

Conclusion:

This new Establishment Plan option does not 'outperform' the existing operations of Moore Park Golf Course which benefits from significant financial returns and does not require substantial capital investment therefore so it makes logical and financial sense for the Minns Government not to go ahead with this deeply flawed plan.

MOORE PARK SOUTH – DRAFT ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

Name: Hammond, Russell

Date received: 24 November 2025

Moore Park Submission

KEEP MOORE PARK 18 holes!

1. 500 000 people visit Moore Park a year to play or learn golf. One of the busiest courses in the Southern Hemisphere. Why would you want to affect that? What is the cost of losses with overseas visitors not coming to Sydney to play golf.

Moore Park is very accessible to overseas visitors! I know of stories of tourists from Asian buying golf clubs just play a few games and return. It is cheaper for them ,especially Japanese players. Turning a revenue-based model into council paid operation that can pay for other parks to be maintained?? How much will it cost the council to maintain green space with no revenue to one that has revenue (which is then used to fund other areas and services?). There will also be loss to hotels, restaurants, retail, taxis and more. Is there modelling on that?

2. 18 holes v 9 holes is completely different market , you will not get the visitors to play golf as you do now. Golfers like to play 18. Young players who will become top players like Adam Scott will mostly like come from 18-hole establishments. We need to maintain space for golf to grow the game.

3. There are more rounds played by non-members of clubs than members, a substantial difference as I understand. 88% v 12%. I would hazard a guess and say a lot played at Moore Park , that will kill their golf at Moore Park and probably golf for those people because public courses further away and just harder for city dwellers. We need more people being active not less and you cannot assume they will just play another sport. A park may just be a place to relax and eat, and no exercise as golf involves.

4. By sheer luck and the tenacity of golfers to make golf courses in the early days, there is land available. Golfer should be rewarded for that. The reason there is space is golf and golfers. My local club, which is public and members club, was created by 3 or 4 people who had the idea of building a golf course, met a local bowling club to vote on going forward. If they had not met on that day, there would be no golf course and possibly housing ,not even a park. There is even talk by another council to turn course into a grave site. We must maintain as much green space as we can for sport , it is a healthy choice for all. The bowling greens where they met to decide to build the golf course are gone. Once they are gone, they are gone!

MOORE PARK SOUTH – DRAFT ESTABLISHMENT PLAN

Name: Hanmer, Robert

Date received: 20 November 2025

I take lessons at Moore Park and use the practice range. I am very concerned the teaching professionals risk losing employment and the public risk losing access to tuition and practice facilities.

I am 67 years old and Moore Park allows me access to exercise and fitness facilities which are very important for mobility, health and well being in ageing.

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.

I fully support the Alternate Proposal submitted to the NSW Government by the Save Moore Park Collective. My ask of you is to work with the Collective and other experts to explore this design for future generations

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: Harris, Brad

Date received: 21 November 2025

Save Moore Park Golf – My Story

I'm semi-retired and moved to Waterloo so I could play golf at Moore Park. It's one of the few affordable 18-hole public courses near the CBD, and it's a vital part of my lifestyle, health, and community connection.

The proposal to cut the course by 20 hectares and reduce it to 9 holes would slash capacity by 60%. That's devastating for the golfing community and for the half a million people who use Moore Park Golf every year.

Public golf demand is growing, and this course is a rare, accessible space for recreation and wellbeing. Losing it would negatively impact thousands of lives, including mine.

I support the Alternate Proposal by the Save Moore Park Collective, which shows we can keep an 18-hole public course while also creating new parkland and recreation facilities. This is the balanced, forward-thinking solution our community deserves.

Moore Park Golf is more than just a course, it's a public asset that fosters health, inclusion, and connection. Please help protect it for future generations.