

**CENTENNIAL PARK AND MOORE PARK TRUST AMENDMENT (CAR PARKING) BILL  
2023**

**STATEMENT OF PUBLIC INTEREST**

**Need: Why is the policy needed based on factual evidence and stakeholder input?**

The closure of on-grass parking at Moore Park East without alternative parking and transport arrangements in place will result in a significant car parking shortfall that will disproportionately affect residents who, despite the public transport improvements in the area, still need to drive to attend events at the SCG and Allianz Stadium, in particular families, patrons with mobility issues, or those from areas where public transport is not readily available.

**Objectives: What is the policy's objective couched in terms of the public interest?**

The objective is to extend on-grass parking until alternative parking and transport arrangements are in place within the Moore Park precinct to ensure that those fans who need to drive to attend events at the SCG precinct aren't negatively impacted.

**Options: What alternative policies and mechanisms were considered in advance of the bill?**

The alternative is to work to implement a dispersed parking model that includes sites such as E.S. Marks Athletics Field and Randwick Racecourse. It is likely this alternative would result in a shortfall in parking required in the short term.

**Analysis: What were the pros/cons and benefits/costs of each option considered?**

Randwick Racecourse has sufficient parking space but is not in close proximity to the SCG precinct. There are event day clashes between SCG precinct events and race meetings which means it is not always available. Trials to date have not been successful.

Irrespective, Randwick Racecourse continues to provide a potential future option to supplement parking for events in the Moore Park Precinct in future and Venues NSW and Greater Sydney Parklands will work with Transport for NSW and other stakeholders on this and other parking options into the future.

Additional levels on the EQ car park would be close to the SCG precinct. This would require Transport for NSW work to resolve egress issues and landholder (Greater Sydney Parklands) support for the project, as well as appropriate government funding.

**Pathway: What are the timetable and steps for the policy's rollout and who will administer it?**

The timing is dependent on the completion of the multilevel car park on Venues NSW land, estimated to be completed in late 2025 and the identification of alternative parking and transport arrangements to offset the loss of parking in the south of Moore Park East.

**Consultation: Were the views of affected stakeholders sought and considered in making the policy?**

The closure of on-grass parking primarily affects the Association of Moore Park Sports (AMPS – the professional sporting codes and teams based at Moore Park) with the majority of the grass in question to be turned into high performance training fields. The lack of parking will have a significant impact on event attendance. AMPS is supportive of the amendment.

The impact on local residents was also considered. The amendment still supports the long-term goal of removing on-grass parking from Moore Park East.