

SYDNEY METRO WEST PROJECT

Organisation: Alliance of Moore Park Sports (AMPS)

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Dear Committee

We write on behalf of the Alliance of Moore Park Sports (AMPS) in relation to the Allianz Stadium concert modification proposal.

AMPS is a collective of the sporting clubs and governing bodies who are the tenants of the Moore Park stadia – the Sydney Cricket Ground (SCG) and the former and redeveloped Sydney Football Stadium, known as Allianz Stadium. AMPS represents a collective voice on the future of the Moore Park Sporting Precinct, championing the interests of some 2,000,000+ fans and 145,000+ club members.

Many of our offices reside in the Moore Park precinct and our membership includes the Australian Football League (NSW/ACT), Rugby Australia, National Rugby League, Sydney FC, Australian Professional Leagues (A-Leagues), Sydney Roosters, Sydney Swans, NSW Waratahs, Cricket NSW, Sydney Sixers and Cricket Australia.

These sporting entities, under the umbrella of AMPS, contribute substantially to the vibrancy, culture and economy of New South Wales. We are the lifeblood of the precinct, delivering not only captivating sports experiences but also a considerable economic impact. Collectively, AMPS members provide employment for approximately 1,250 individuals, nurturing a diverse and thriving economy.

Our commitment to the advancement of Sydney's cultural and sporting landscape is unwavering. It is in this spirit that we have come together to advocate for an initiative of profound significance – the eastern extension of the Sydney Metro West project, with a dedicated metro station at Moore Park.

In recent years the NSW Government enacted legislation that will, commencing in 2023, prohibit on-grass parking on the fields adjacent to the stadiums at Moore Park. In response, we continue to work with the Government on the provision of viable alternative transport and parking solutions.

However, as this deadline approaches, viable alternative solutions have yet to materialise, and the implications of this impending decision are far-reaching. It affects individuals from regional areas, Western Sydney, young families, those with disabilities, and many others who lack convenient public transport options. Furthermore, the spectre of gridlocked local streets looms large as event-goers scramble to secure parking alternatives.

The complete ban on on-grass parking will result in the removal of approximately 2,640 public car parking spots, a deficit that we are hopeful of working with government and local communities in addressing.

In tandem with this pressing challenge regarding parking access, AMPS is deeply engaged in another significant matter that profoundly affects our precinct — the Allianz Stadium concert modification proposal.

AMPS is largely supportive of the proposed Allianz Stadium concert modification, recognising the benefits of increased content and activation opportunities within the Moore Park precinct.

In the face of these dual challenges — parking access and concert cap modifications — AMPS recognizes an extraordinary opportunity. We stand united in our commitment to fostering a vibrant and harmonious city. With your invaluable support, we can ensure that Sydney thrives as a hub of culture, sports, and community, leaving a lasting legacy for generations to come.



Now, to refocus on the primary matter at hand, our call for the extension of the Sydney Metro West project with a dedicated metro station at Moore Park. This call is grounded in the understanding that Moore Park is a vital cultural and sporting hub within Sydney, with significant public transport challenges.

The Moore Park precinct is home to some of the most cherished sporting and cultural events in our state. It hosts NRL, Rugby Union, A-League, the New Years Test, Big Bash, AFL, and concerts, including events at the Entertainment Quarter (EQ).

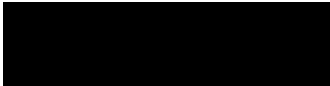
As the precinct continues to thrive and expand, it becomes increasingly apparent that the existing transport infrastructure is reaching its limits. The legislated removal of on-grass parking, primarily serving attendees from Western Sydney, exacerbates the need for a viable public transport alternative.

The establishment of a dedicated metro station at Moore Park would unlock the precinct's full potential for use by the community, facilitating easy access to the multitude of sporting and cultural events hosted here. It would not only enhance the experience of attendees but also alleviate the strain on local streets and provide a sustainable, long-term solution to the parking issue.

Furthermore, recent media attention highlights the interest of EQ investors in potentially funding a metro station for the precinct. This demonstrates the financial viability and support for such a project.

In conclusion, the extension of the Sydney Metro West project with a dedicated metro station at Moore Park is not only a necessity but also an opportunity to transform the precinct into a well-connected and accessible hub for culture, sports, and community events. We urge the committee to consider our submission as a testament to the importance of this project for the future of Sydney. With your support, we can ensure that Moore Park continues to thrive as a vibrant and harmonious precinct for generations to come.

Kind regards,



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