

**Submission
No 30**

SYDNEY METRO WEST PROJECT

Organisation: Sport NSW

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Submission Regarding Inquiry into Sydney Metro West project

Dear Committee,

I write on behalf of Sport NSW, which is the representative body for over 80 State Sporting Organisations in NSW, to advocate for a dedicated metro station at Moore Park.

The Moore Park precinct is more than just two stadiums and fitness facilities which attract two million patrons annually.

Moore Park is a hub for education, fitness and a bustling commercial community.

The precinct, including the Entertainment Quarter, includes a campus of University Technology Sydney and the head offices of two national sports (NRL and Rugby Australia), AFL NSWACT, Sydney Roosters, Sydney Swans, Medical providers and other non-sporting tenancies including cinemas, restaurants, bars, market days and retail shops as well as a campus of the Australian Film, Radio and Television School and Brent Street Performing Arts

There are other entertainment facilities in the area including The Hordern Pavilion which regularly attracts significant crowds to concerts and events.

Across Anzac Parade there are approximately an additional 2200 students and staff at Sydney Boys and Sydney Girls High Schools. These two public schools attract students from right across Sydney, well beyond the reach of the Light Rail or the local bus network.

The precinct is underserved by public transport, even with the light rail, approximately 600m from the SCG. Some comparisons are:

- Perth Stadium is service by Perth Stadium Station - 300m walk
- The Oval, London is serviced by The Oval station – 300m walk
- The MCG is well serviced by public transport via Jollimont (400m), Richmond (650m) or a flat walk to Flinders Street (1.3km)
- Adelaide Oval is serviced by Adelaide Railway station – 550m walk
- Marvel Stadium is a 650m walk from Southern Cross Station
- Brisbane's Suncorp stadium is 1.3km from Roma St

As the precinct continues to expand, it becomes increasingly apparent that the existing transport infrastructure is reaching its limits. Indeed, even with the opening of the light rail, announcements following events at the SCG and Allianz Stadium encourage patrons to consider walking to central station due to the large queues. The SCG is 2.1km walk from Central Station.

The impact of a metro station at Moore Park will be far-reaching. It affects individuals from regional areas, Western Sydney, young families, those with disabilities, and many others who lack convenient public transport options. It will also:

- link into the major metro interchange at Wynard to the North West Metro
- provide a link to Wynard station for passengers travelling to the north via buses or the north shore line
- allow Moore Park to be returned from parking to open green space for active and passive use
- reduce general congestion in the area for sporting and non-sporting patrons alike
- return local streets to local residents
- add additional public transport capacity.

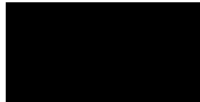
The EIS for the Sydney Football Stadium stated 70% of people arrive at events in the hour before the start of a game. For a capacity crowd that's approximately 31,500 arriving in a 60-minute window. Clearly, those numbers require a combination of transport modes for a smooth arrival process.

This would mimic other world class stadium precincts with close proximity to mass-transport including, The Oval, Twickenham besides Australian examples of the MCG, Adelaide Oval and Perth Stadium.

It is not simply a service to the sports precinct it will make a massive difference for the likes of local schools, entertainment, higher education and parklands.

We urge the committee to consider our submission and to recognise the importance and significant value of this project for the future of Sydney.

Kind regards,



Stuart Hodge
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