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The Hon Paul Scully, Minister for Planning and Public Spaces,

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For Greater Sydney Parklands

The Future of Moore Park South Discussion Paper

Thank you for inviting our response to this proposal to transform 20 hectares of Moore Park Golf Course into a new public park.

The proposal is strongly supported by the Society as we desperately need more green space in our fast-densifying city.

We have the following suggestions for the new Park:

- Context: We ask that Greater Sydney Parklands (GSP) first undertakes a Masterplan for green spaces in the precinct which aims to provide a wildlife corridor chain from the Harbour to Botany Bay, including wetlands, Randwick Racecourse and other golf-courses further south. The Masterplan should also look at precinct drainage patterns, flooding control and irrigation.
- The new Park will need good connection to the rest of Moore Park, Centennial Park and the surrounding residential areas, but is currently isolated by major roads. We recommend more pedestrian crossings and bridges/overpasses. The intersection at Dacey Ave and Anzac Parade, and Cleveland St and Anzac Parade, where the new Park will meet Centennial Park and Moore Park, in particular needs to be more pedestrian friendly. A new pedestrian overpass to the Eastern Distributor at around Danks St or Corning Park would also provide connectivity to residential neighbourhoods. Consider too an overpass over Cleveland St linking the new Park with Moore Park proper.
- A landscape design that includes passive recreation, walking, cycling and running tracks, and Child Play, as a priority, since the rest of Moore Park largely caters for organised sport
- A landscape design that features indigenous history, and endemic species that encourage biodiversity and water sensitive urban design.
- Involve the City of Sydney in the landscape design since it has skilled resources and deep local knowledge.
- The new Park needs a viable funding and maintenance plan that will keep it in public, not commercial, use.
- That Infrastructure NSW prepare a Business Case for the new Park, as they did for the SFS Stadium, to properly value parkland assets, to consider options, and to provide transparency to the community.

We ask the Department of Housing, Planning and Infrastructure and GSP to consider our suggestions, provide a publicly available 'What we Heard' report, and give us feedback on the development of the design of this project.

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