

Item 11.8**Notices of Motion****Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust**

By Councillor Scott

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) the Berejiklian Government has created a super oversight agency to manage and potentially remove the Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust, and other trusts of famous Sydney parklands;
- (ii) this new government managed agency risks not providing the same protections that a public Trust does and will threaten the independence that local Trusts maintain by challenging government attempts to commercialise and develop these public spaces;
- (iii) the Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust which been active since 1983, is a powerful, local group committed to ensuring the parklands remain public, green spaces. In 2016, the Trust successfully stopped the Sydney Cricket and Sports Grounds Trust from building another stadium on its land;
- (iv) the Trust has been at the forefront of local initiatives. In 2016, they established the Cyclist Liaison Committee to provide a formal framework to consultation between the cycling community and the Trust to ensure that people were safe and satisfied. This was a thoughtful step towards making Sydney are more environmentally sustainable and safe city just as cycling was becoming more popular; and
- (v) the City has valued the Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust's consultation and advice over the decades regarding development proposals, environmental policies and local initiatives, and commend the Trust for their ongoing commitment to protecting the parklands so diligently; and

(B) the Lord Mayor be requested to write to the NSW Government Planning and Public Spaces Minister Rob Stokes urging him to:

- (i) ensure the independence of the Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust, and other local parklands Trusts, to preserve and protect the independent local governing authorities of the public parklands in NSW; and
- (ii) provide recurrent State funding for the parklands, to ensure they do not need to rely on commercialisation of the public parklands.