

Item 12.1**Notices of Motion****Saving Moore Park**

By Councillor Phelps

It is resolved that:

(A) Council note:

- (i) Moore Park is part of Governor Macquarie's 1811 Sydney Common. As a park that is more than 150 years old, it is older than Centennial Park, and has major national and state heritage value;
- (ii) Moore Park is the largest park close to the City of Sydney and residential areas which have the greatest population density in Australia;
- (iii) especially during the Covid-19 pandemic this open space is vitally important for the physical and mental wellbeing of the community;
- (iv) Moore Park is of considerable environmental and historical significance including the surrounds of Kippax Lake, itself one of the last remnants of Sydney's early water supply, Busby's Bore;
- (v) Moore Park is seriously degraded after decades of on-grass car parking in connection with sporting events at the SCG and SFS and under-investment by the NSW State Government;
- (vi) in 2016, the NSW Government signed off on the Moore Park Master Plan, however it is yet to allocate any funds towards its implementation;
- (vii) the two areas currently used for car parking would provide excellent playing fields for junior and community sport, there being a desperate shortage of such fields in the Sydney metropolitan area; and
- (viii) there is widespread community support for the removal of on-grass car parking from Moore Park and the need for funding of the Moore Park Master Plan; and

(B) the Lord Mayor be requested to write to the Premier, the Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP, and the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, the Hon Rob Stokes MP, requesting that the NSW Government:

- (i) agree to the permanent removal of event on-grass car parking on the northern section of Moore Park East with immediate effect;
- (ii) announce that car parking on the southern end of Moore Park East will cease by mid-2023 to allow time for the provision of alternative parking and access arrangements;

- (iii) develop and implement a comprehensive plan, based on the Moore Park Master Plan, for the remediation and revitalisation of Moore Park East including the provision of a new junior playing field on the northern section and facilities for community use; and
- (iv) strengthen and formalise links between local communities and the new Greater Sydney Parklands Board and Management to ensure they respond to needs identified by the community.

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