

Attachment A

**Letter to the Minister for Sport
Public Transport to Events at Moore Park**



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The Hon. Alister Andrew Henskens, SC MP Minister for Sport
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Dear Minister

Public transport to events at Moore Park

We write to ask you to take urgent action to boost public transport use by patrons attending matches at the Moore Park stadia ahead of the opening of the new Allianz Stadium.

Traffic congestion

There is a long history of traffic gridlock associated with matches held at Moore Park, especially during major and concurrent events. This congestion means that our constituents in the surrounding area are unable to access or leave their homes when patrons arrive at or leave the precinct, and illegal parking in residential streets is widespread.

With COVID-19 restrictions removed this year, many events at the Sydney Cricket Ground have already seen such gridlock conditions return. Local residents are understandably concerned that urgent measures are introduced to reduce private vehicle use among patrons before the new stadium opens.

The light rail has opened since we last had two stadia were operating at Moore Park, and includes dedicated stations for people attending events and games. Light rail provides an important opportunity to reset patron transport behaviour and encourage public transport use.

While we are disappointed that on-grass parking will not be completely removed from Moore Park during events until December 2025, the fact that we now have that commitment makes it even more imperative to encourage public transport use now.

Integrated ticketing

Integrated ticketing has proven effective in increasing public transport use at other stadia and during the Sydney Olympics.

The Event Car Parking Management Plan and the Green Travel Plan, which were created under conditions of consent for the new stadium, identified work to introduce integrated ticketing for matches at Moore Park. The NSW Waratahs, Sydney FC and Rugby Australia now include integrated ticketing, and Transport for NSW and Venues NSW is working with stakeholders towards integrated ticketing for all events at Moore Park.

It is clear that the technology and mechanisms needed to introduce integrated ticketing are available and all that is needed is the will. The NSW Government must ensure that integrated ticketing is operating for all events when the new stadium opens.

It is also important that public transport and green transport options available for Moore Park are widely publicised for each event through education and promotional campaigns directed at patrons. This would encourage people to use public transport rather than driving to and from the venues at Moore Park, and reduce the demand on parking and traffic congestion in the surrounding areas.

Could you please ensure that integrated ticketing is operating with public and green transport options strongly promoted for all events held at Moore Park before the new stadium opens, and inform us of what action you will take?

Yours sincerely



Alex Greenwich
Member for Sydney



Clover Moore
Lord Mayor of Sydney

Cc: Minister for Transport