



Infrastructure NSW  
Macquarie House  
Level 15, 167 Macquarie Street  
SYDNEY NSW 2000

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### Event-Day Transport, Moore Park

Dear Infrastructure NSW,

Following a submission made in June this year, I again write on behalf of the Sydney Swans to emphasise the importance of a broad transport plan for the Moore Park precinct – specifically one that includes event-day car parking.

The Sydney Swans believe the precinct requires a multi-mode transport solution to ensure that Moore Park remains a world-class sporting destination. We believe these modes include a mix of heavy rail, light rail, buses, ride share, car parking and pedestrian access.

The Swans have called the SCG home since 1982 and throughout our tenure there has always been event-day parking in the Moore Park precinct. This has been complemented by special-event bus services to and from Central Station (Route 1) and Circular Quay (Route 3).

We actively promote the use of public transport to our patrons, while we encourage those who can to come to the SCG by foot, whether that be from their home or from Central Station.

The introduction of the light rail is an exciting development for the precinct, and we are looking forward to seeing it in operation. However, we strongly believe existing transport infrastructure – including car parking – needs to not only be retained, but enhanced, to ensure patronage of the precinct continues to grow.

Key areas of importance:

- **Parking**

The availability of parking within close proximity of the SCG is paramount for our players, members (inclusive of families and older patrons), those requiring accessible parking, and our corporate guests.

We are concerned by moves to reduce on-grass parking in the EP2 and EP3 car parks without an alternative within a similar proximity of the venue.

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- **Buses**

While the light rail will add to the precinct's transport infrastructure, we strongly believe existing bus services need to be retained.

Existing special-event bus services from Central Station and Circular Quay are important for our members and supporters, while we encourage Transport for NSW to investigate additional special-event bus services from areas such as the Northern Beaches, the Southern Shire and Hills District.

- **Taxi and Ride Sharing**

Ride sharing is a significant pillar in the transport matrix and one which is growing.

At present, traffic flow through the precinct is impacted by a lack of formal ride-sharing arrangements. Numbers made available post the 2017 AFL season showed that approximately 20 per cent of the Sydney Swans crowd accessed the venue via Uber and around 10 per cent used ride share during egress. These numbers are growing rapidly.

We believe a designated ride share drop-off and pick-up area is needed, like those found at sporting venues around the world and at major hubs in Australia.

- **Pedestrian Access**

For the safety of our patrons it's important that walkways leading to the Moore Park precinct are adequately lit for night games and have clear wayfinding. We believe existing lighting on the western side of the Albert Tibby Cotter Bridge is insufficient.

As you can see, we believe there are several key considerations in a broad transport plan for the Moore Park precinct. Sydney Swans matches bring more than 370,000 patrons to the precinct each year, and for us it's critical to get the transport mix right.

We look forward to working with you to secure the future of Moore Park as a world-class sporting destination.

Yours faithfully,

Tom Harley  
CEO, Sydney Swans