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National Trust applauds Premier's decision on Moore Park

"The National Trust welcomes the NSW government's commitment to not change the legislation which forms the Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust," Trust Advocacy Manager, Graham Quint said today.

The National Trust had written to the Premier, Kristina Keneally, with its concerns after reports that the NSW government was planning to transfer Moore Park to the management of the Sydney Cricket and Sports Ground Trust.

Moore Park is currently under the management of the Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust.

"The National Trust has always supported the Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust in not only its sound financial management of the area, but also its caring approach to looking after the historical parklands," Mr Quint said.

"Centennial Park and Moore Park are two unique areas of mostly open space, available for public use.

"Moore Park was set aside by Governor Macquarie as a common for the people, but the Trust was concerned that the changes would change the function of the space without public consultation.

"With the government's latest commitment, the greatest pressures to the area are from vehicle congestion.

"While this first step to secure the region is welcomed, the government needs to go further and look at light rail options to the Sydney Cricket Ground and the Moore Park precinct. This will help ease current traffic problems."

Centennial Park was first listed on the National Trust Register in 1976, while the Moore Park Conservation Area followed in 1989.

The National Trust has also recently written to the NSW Minister for Sport and Recreation with similar concerns regarding the Parramatta Park Trust.

While this area has been nominated for World Heritage Listing, its members, including its former Chair Tom Uren, have not been re-appointed since September 2009, when their terms of appointment concluded.

The Trust is still awaiting a response on the Parramatta Park Trust from Minister Greene," said Mr Quint

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