Petition Calling for Light Rail between Central Station and the Moore Park sporting stadia

To the Honourable Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled. This Petition of the people of New South Wales brings to the attention of the House:

Major events at the sporting stadia and former Showgrounds cause serious traffic gridlock and patrons spend large amounts of time stuck in congestion trying to get home. But despite the congestion most drive because public transport services are inadequate and they can park on our public parkland.

Moore Park is regularly abused as a parking lot, alienating and damaging one of Sydney's most important parks. Providing more parking spaces on our parkland will encourage more people to drive and lead to worse congestion.

In 2006, the Taskforce advising Cabinet said all events-related traffic and parking problems in the area would be mitigated if a proportion of event patrons shifted from private vehicle to public transport.

Light rail provides a viable alternative to the car. It is faster than buses and fits more passengers with one light rail carriage equivalent to three laden buses or 50 laden cars.

A light rail service to the sporting stadia could extend to the University of NSW and Randwick Racecourse, and continue to La Perouse.

The undersigned petitioners therefore ask the NSW Government to provide light rail to the sporting stadia to prevent traffic congestion before and after major events.

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