



THE LORD MAYOR OF SYDNEY
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8 March 2019

Liz Reid
President and Director
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By email manager@pda.org.au

Dear Liz and Simon

Accessible Public Toilets

I refer to your letter asking the City to improve access to its public toilets for people with a disability by removing the MLAK locks.

The City is strongly committed to eliminating discrimination against people with a disability and to supporting equal access to public facilities.

We don't support the MLAK system for our public toilets as we're aware they may be perceived to be an access barrier. This is outlined in the City's Public Toilet Strategy, which you can read at <https://bit.ly/2tsYz2k>.

The City owns and manages 57 public toilets that can be found on our streets, parks and in our public buildings. The public toilets in our buildings, for example our libraries, are open during operational hours of the building. The public toilets in parks are generally open every day from sunrise to sunset, while the toilets in the streets and open spaces in central Sydney and the entertainment precincts are open 24 hours every day.

You refer to three toilets in your letter that feature an MLAK lock. There are two sets of public toilets in Chalmers Street in Redfern Park. One set of toilets belong to the grandstand facility of Redfern Oval and are opened and available for use during official events held by sporting groups using the oval. There is also an accessible unisex public toilet within Redfern Park and Oval, next to the café, that's open every day and doesn't have an MLAK lock.

The public toilets at Barwon Park Road are in Sydney Park. The toilets in Sydney Park are located within the car park near the brick kilns, at the café near the playground and at the Alan Davidson Oval. These toilets, which are open during daylight hours every day, and feature both unisex, accessible and male and female toilets. These toilets do not use an MLAK lock. A fourth set of public toilets is being built at Sydney Park this year and will include an accessible public toilet without MLAK locks.

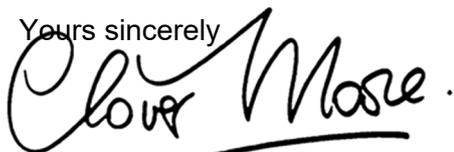
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If you would like to speak with a Council officer about the City's public toilets, you can contact Mark Driver, Parks and Recreation Planner, on 9265 9333 or at mdriver@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Clover Moore". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends across the width of the name.

Clover Moore
Lord Mayor of Sydney