



14.3 Notice of Motion – Councillor Andrew Bond – North Port Oval Capacity

I, Councillor Andrew Bond, give notice that I intend to move the Motion outlined below at the Meeting of Council on the 7th of September 2022:

That Council:

1. Permits crowds of up to 6,000 people to attend sporting events at North Port Oval.
2. Reviews the current Port Phillip Council imposed restrictions and limitations on crowd numbers at North Port Oval due to insufficient toilets and ground emergency egress requirements, and comes back to Council with a plan to address these concerns.

Supporting Information:

Sporting crowds of up to 6,000 or much more have been attending matches at North Port Oval for 150 years.

The City of Port Phillip owns and maintains North Port Oval on behalf of the Port Melbourne Football Club, the Port Melbourne Cricket Club and the Port Phillip Community. Recent concerns from Council officers regarding an insufficient number of toilets at the ground, and emergency egress points from the ground in the event of an emergency, has restricted crowd numbers at the ground to 1,080, resulting in the transfer of AFLW and VFL matches away from North Port Oval.

As the landlord and ground manager, the City of Port Phillip has an obligation to address any concerns with the venue, and in this instance specifically with regards to ensuring adequate facilities are in place to address toilet requirements, and emergency egress facilitation for crowds of up to 6,000, whilst at the same time ensuring matches continue at the ground.