

Mr Peter Primrose MP
Chair - Joint Select Committee on the Greater Sydney Parklands Trust
NSW Parliament House
6 Macquarie Street
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Submitted via [email](#)

Re: Review of the Greater Sydney Parklands Trust Act 2022 – Questions on Notice

Dear Mr Primrose and Committee members,

Thank you for welcoming our participation in the Joint Select Committee on the Greater Sydney Parklands Trust Act.

Bicycle NSW attended the Committee in person on 13th March 2025 to provide information and respond to questions from the Committee. At the Committee, a number of questions on notice were taken and the purpose of this correspondence is to provide responses to each of the three questions on notice.

These questions are illustrated in bold and answered below:

- 1) In relation to the role of the Trust outside of the parklands specifically, what particular amendments, do you think, would need to be made to the Act to allow them to achieve a greater parklands network?**

Further to our initial submission, the point made by The Walking Volunteers for a requirement of 'must establish' rather than 'may establish' a Blue and Green Grid Committee would be a valuable addition as it can invite external stakeholders including Councils, utilities and other government departments. This will undoubtedly improve greater stakeholder collaborations, information sharing and result in an enhanced parklands network.

Bicycle NSW notes that a review of the NSW Roads Act has just began with various levels of community and stakeholder consultations. Bicycle NSW is on the Advisory Group for this review and will identify potential improvements to these Act as well as others which have a direct relationship to the Greater Sydney parklands Trust Act.

- 2) Data about where your members are using open space in these Greater Sydney Parklands areas?**

Bicycle NSW doesn't collect specific data on bicycle use in Parklands but it does collect information on general bicycle usage types which aligns to other similar studies done by industry and groups elsewhere around Australia. Bicycle NSW membership data highlights the following:

- While a significant portion of bicycle users rode their bikes on roadways (86%) in full or part of the time, they regularly used shared paths (63%) and off road trails (35%) some or all of the time.
- 27% rode a bicycle regularly to commute while 39% rode to the shops or other facilities on a less regular basis. 22% rode with family and 39% as part of a formal group which illustrates a very high recreational audience and demand. When on holidays, 37% incorporated riding a bicycle in part or in full which again illustrates a high recreational demand but also tourism opportunity.

Please note that percentages won't equal 100% because most bicycle riders will ride in two or more types of environments for different reasons. This data was collected in December of 2023 from 750 members and was a statistically valid sample size.

3) E-bikes sales and use.

Recent bicycle industry sales data highlighted that 29% of new bicycle sales in Australia are made up of e-bikes while the figures now account for just over 50% of the new bicycle sales in the European Union. This trend illustrates that e-bike sales in Australia will continue to increase in both new bicycle sales and popularity for all bicycle users.

The Bicycle NSW membership data equally supports these above figures and trends as it was identified that 27% of members owned and rode e-bikes. Bicycle NSW expects this trend to continue increasing, please note this is legal e-bikes as defined by Transport for NSW.

Thank you for your consideration of these matters. Bicycle NSW would be pleased to provide any further information or discuss these matters directly with the committee.

Yours sincerely,



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