

# JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE GREATER SYDNEY PARKLANDS TRUST

## REVIEW OF THE GREATER SYDNEY PARKLANDS TRUST ACT 2022

### Questions on Notice – Laurie Johnson

- **What would be the appropriate mix between self-funding of the Parklands and government providing funding?**

Communities west of Moore Park in particular have experienced significant growth over the past 15-20 years. As a result, the NSW Government has reaped significant stamp duty gains especially from increased density at Green Square urban renewal area, one of the densest residential areas in Australia. Nearby communities continue to grow. By 2040, there will be up to 80,000 additional people living within 2km of the Moore Park in Zetland, Redfern and Waterloo.

It is difficult to ascribed a prescriptive ratio of self funding and government funding for the Parklands. However communities deserve to have generous green open space for their enjoyment, and it is the NSW Government's responsibility to provide that. Funding for the parklands must come from the NSW Government and not increased commercialisation of the parklands which carves out swaths of public land unavailable to the public for free.

- **Anything further in the Act that requires reform to ensure operation of Act works as intended?**

It is important for the Greater Sydney Parklands to continually examine and learn from what other cities are doing to create successful green open spaces for their growing populations. The Act must ensure the protection and expansion of the parklands for future generations.

With regard to amendments to Section 3 – Objects, the following is recommended:

(d) to advocate for a long-term vision to achieve the outcome of quality parklands across Greater Sydney, particularly connectivity of green corridors and **prioritising** public access to open space,

(e) to ~~encourage~~ **prioritise** the use and enjoyment of the parklands estate by the community by promoting and increasing the recreational, historical, scientific, educational, cultural and environmental values of lands within the parklands estate,