

**1. What criteria or guidelines should be developed to ensure that longer term leases granted by the Greater Sydney Parklands Trust are consistent with the Act's objects and community expectations about the use of the parklands estate?**

To ensure longer leases are consistent with the Greater Sydney Parklands Act and meet community expectations, a clear set of criteria and guidelines, the Committee supports development of leasing criteria or guidelines. Elements we think should be included include:

**1. Alignment with public purpose and the Act's Objects**

- Leases must demonstrate clear public benefit aligned with the parklands' recreational, ecological, cultural, economic or educational values.
- Proposed uses must be consistent with an adopted plan of management or management
- Leases are consistent with environmental and heritage safeguards, and include sustainability and/or conservation commitments from vendors.

**3. Transparent governance and community engagement**

- Introduce public notification and engagement requirements for lease proposals above a certain threshold (25 years and above)
- Ensure Community Trustee Boards are briefed and can provide comment on leases longer than ten years.
- Ensure community benefits—such as access to facilities, programming, or educational outcomes for long-term leases (e.g. Sydney Roosters or Sydney Swans allowing community members to watch training sessions or have access to a community training program once a year).

**4. Oversight, review and flexibility**

- Establish regular review points (e.g. every 5–10 years) with public reporting on lease performance.
- Include break clauses where leases fail to deliver agreed outcomes or public benefits.
- Maintain strong landlord controls for the Trust to manage lease compliance and respond to community needs over time.
- Require Ministerial sign-off for leases exceeding 25 years, to ensure heightened accountability and alignment with the public interest.