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Joint Select Committee on the Greater Sydney Parklands Trust

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Improving the management of the Greater Sydney Parklands

Is the framework for the management of the Greater Sydney Parklands working effectively?

A Joint Parliamentary Committee has reviewed the [Greater Sydney Parklands Trust Act](#), which establishes a framework to manage important parklands across Greater Sydney. The Greater Sydney Parklands Trust (GSP Trust) manages the parklands estate, which includes Centennial Park and Moore Park, Parramatta Park, Western Sydney Parklands, Callan Park and the Fernhill Estate.

The Joint Select Committee on the Greater Sydney Parklands Trust looked at whether the policy objectives of the Act are valid, and whether its terms are appropriate for securing those objectives. The objectives include maintaining and improving the parklands estate, facilitating First Nations' connection to Country, ensuring conservation of natural and cultural heritage values and encouraging use of the parklands by the community.

Committee Chair, the Hon Peter Primrose MLC, said that inquiry participants were passionate about ensuring that the parklands provide outstanding environmental, social and cultural values for our diverse communities.

"We heard that the objectives of the Act are broadly supported and set out an ambitious framework to ensure communities in Sydney can access high quality parklands," Mr Primrose said. "However, we found that changes are needed to ensure that the Act can be fully implemented, and the parks continue to benefit Sydney's communities well into the future."

The Committee found that funding constraints are impacting the GSP Trust's ability to progress the Act's objectives. To address this the Committee has made multiple recommendations, including supporting additional government funding and changes to the Act that aim to improve the parklands' financial sustainability.

"We want to see these parks preserved for future generations. Securing sustainable revenue sources is vital to achieving this outcome," Mr Primrose said.

The Committee received 43 submissions and heard from 23 witnesses during two public hearings.

The report can be found on the [inquiry webpage](#).

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