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## **REVIEW OF THE GREATER SYDNEY PARKLANDS TRUST ACT 2022**

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Committee Chair  
Joint Select Committee on the Greater Sydney Parklands Trust

### **National Trust submission relating the Greater Sydney Parklands Act Review**

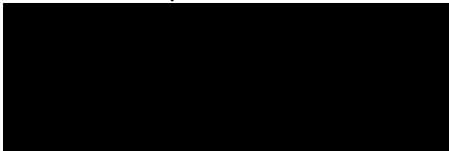
The National Trust of Australia (NSW) welcomes the opportunity to provide comments regarding the review of the Greater Sydney Parklands Trust Act 2022. We note that four of five parks covered under this Act - Callan Park, Centennial Parklands, Fernhill Estate and Parramatta Park - are all State heritage listed landscapes. We also acknowledge that Parramatta Park, which contains the National Trust property Old Government House, is UNESCO World Heritage listed as part of the 11 Australian Convict Sites.

These properties contain an outstanding scope of natural and ecological heritage, as well as numerous built and cultural spaces that are of high importance many communities throughout Sydney. Their ongoing retention as well-established, high-quality, publicly accessible community gardens is essential to the maintaining heritage character and identity of Greater Sydney.

The National Trust notes that objects of the Act specifically acknowledge the need to conserve the First Nations, natural, recreational, historical, scientific, education cultural and environmental values of these places. Appropriately directed and sufficient funding is of course key to facilitating any of these outcomes. In consideration of the heritage conservation of these parklands, the National Trust makes the following recommendations:

- Enable and encourage further government investment into the heritage and landscape conservation and management of these parks, ensuring the ongoing and appropriate care for these rare and precious landscapes.
- Although under the central GSP framework, the continued consideration of each park as an individual asset, identifying the separate needs, opportunities and constraints that apply to each place both now and into the future. The needs of each parkland varies widely and distinctions must be made for appropriate heritage conservation efforts.
- The continued inclusion of a heritage professional on the Greater Sydney Parklands Trust Board and each Community Trustee Board.

Yours sincerely,



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