



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE GREATER SYDNEY PARKLANDS TRUST BILL 2021

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Report tabled on proposed changes to management of Sydney parklands

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An Upper House committee has today tabled its report examining the Greater Sydney Parklands Trust Bill 2021.

The bill proposes to establish the Greater Sydney Parklands Trust to manage Callan Park, Centennial and Moore Parks, Parramatta Park, Western Sydney Parklands and Fernhill Estate. The Greater Sydney Parklands Trust would be responsible for managing, restoring and developing these parklands, while also playing a broader role in advocating for open space and parklands across Greater Sydney.

The report recommends that debate on the bill proceed in the Upper House, and that the views of stakeholders as set out in the report be addressed during debate in the House.

The Chair of the committee, the Hon Robert Borsak MLC, said: 'Parklands are vital for the physical and mental health of the citizens of New South Wales – a fact made even clearer during the COVID-19 pandemic. However, this inquiry demonstrated that there are widely differing views as to how Sydney's parklands should be managed.'

'Some stakeholders felt that centralising management of these parks into a single agency would be more efficient, better facilitate strategic planning, and create a powerful voice for Sydney's parklands within government. On the other hand, others felt that the bill would lead to a loss of community input into the management and planning of these parks, and could lead to over-commercialisation of Sydney's green spaces.'

Mr Borsak concluded: 'Ultimately, the vigour and passion with which stakeholders expressed their views reflects just how important these parklands are. I would like to thank all who participated in this important inquiry'.

The committee's report and other inquiry related documents can be found on the committee's website [here](#).

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