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**INQUIRY INTO GREATER SYDNEY PARKLANDS TRUST
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I think the Greater Sydney Parklands Trust Bill is inadvisable. Leaving too much discretion with the Minister there is a real danger of commercial developments, not to mention the Board's power to compulsorily acquire public and private land. This, along with the Board's ability to pass parklands over to other government departments, constitutes a clear threat to the maintenance of parklands exclusively for community use.

With the deleterious expansion of human population, particularly in Western Sydney, the pressures to sacrifice biodiversity within what little green open space is extant will increase. While current plans may be humanely motivated, there is reason to think that future decisions may not be so enlightened; stronger protections are needed.