INQUIRY INTO GREATER SYDNEY PARKLANDS TRUST BILL 2021

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Greater Sydney Parklands Trust Bill 2021 – Second Print

To all concerned

It is extremely important this Bill is accurate from day one as it is intended to be operational for 50 years.

POINT ONE WHEN ONE PLUS ONE EQUALS ONE

It makes no sense whatsoever to have the same trustees in the GSPT and the individual parklands and then need Community Trustee Boards to each individual parkland because the skill levels of the GSPT Trustee are not appropriate for the individual parklands. There is a proposal for two groups (GSPT Trustees and Community Trustee Boards) performing what the previous individual trustee boards performed.

There are major benefits gained by local trustees making decision faster and with local knowledge and then control of implementation of the decisions.

The following Clauses must be removed from this Bill

Page 34 [2] Section 7 Appointment and Procedures –

Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust Act

Page 45 [2] Section 5 Appointment and Procedures –

Parramatta Park Trust Act

Page 51 [2] Section 7 Trust Board -

Western Sydney Parkland Act

POINT TWO WHEN PARKLANDS GROW MONEY AND NOT TREES

This Bill is more about funding than 'one voice for parklands'.

If the Bill is only to ensure the parklands are represented by "one voice' it would not require all the funding generating changes in the individual parkland Acts.

The Minister states the major benefit of the Act is 'one voice for the parklands' and this is not clearly stated or documented in either the Objects (Page 2 [3]) and Functions (Page 6 [15]) of the Bill-Second Print and in fact makes no mention of this purpose.

In the Bill as presented the emphasis is on funding generation with numerous changes required to the individual parkland Acts through the following Clauses and sub-Clauses.

See Schedule 5

5.1 Callan Park (Special Provisions) Act 2012

Page 32 [2] Section 5A Acquisition of substratum or part of Callan Park for public purpose.

Page 32 [3] Section 6 Leases, licences and management agreement.

Page 32 [4] Section 6(3) Page 32 [5] Section 6(5A)

Page 33 [7] Section 6A Open tender process to be used for leases and certain licences.

Page 33 [9] Section 7(3) Development may be carried out at Callan Park.

5.2 Centennial Park and Moore Park Trust Act 1983

Page 35 [5] Section 9A Open tender process to be used for leases and certain licences.

Page 39 [8] Section 20 Grant of leases, easements and licences

Page 39 [11] Section 20(3)

Page 39 [12] Section 20(3A)

Page 40 [12] Section 20(3B)

Page 40 [12] Section 20(3C)

5.4 Parramatta Park Trust Act 2001

Page 45 [3] Section 7A Open tender process to be used for leases and certain licences.

Page 45 [5] Section 9AA Acquisition of substratum or part principle trust lands for public

purpose.

5.5 Western Sydney Parklands Act 2006

Page 51 [6] Section 12A Open tender process to be used for leases and certain licences.

POINT THREE WHY CHANGE WHEN I THINK I AM PERFECT

The following Clause must be removed from the Western Sydney Parklands Act 2006 as it is no longer applicable under the Bill – Second Print.

Clause 39 Western Sydney Parklands Fund

However, if this Clause is deemed appropriate for the Western Sydney Parklands Act then similar Clauses should be added to Callan Park (Special Provisions) Act 2002, Centennial Park and Moore Parks Trust Act 1983 and Parramatta Park Trust Act 2001.

Many thanks for reading my concerns, Alan Bottle