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**INQUIRY INTO GREATER SYDNEY PARKLANDS TRUST
BILL 2021**

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Thankyou for the opportunity to lodge an OBJECTION to the amended Greater Sydney Parklands Bill. The amended Bill does not protect public green open spaces, wildlife habitat and dwindling biodiversity.

This proposed amended legislation weakens the protection of public green open space and puts the decision making into the hands of the current Government Minister.

Government Ministers will then be in the 'hotseat' to lease, develop or sell public parklands to private developers or private profiteers as they see fit, which would be criminal in my view.

I do not trust Government Ministers making decisions about public green spaces. Public parks and open green spaces are not sites for private developers or 'green washed' private projects.

More often these days parks are important for inner city inhabitants and provide refuge for wildlife such as the 'vulnerable' listed Grey-Headed Flying-Fox and native birds which are choosing to live in parkland because so much precious habitat is being destroyed in regional areas for urban development and agriculture.

I urge the Committee to REJECT this amended Bill in the interest of maintaining public parkland for now and for future generations who will live in an even more congested, highrise city.