

**Submission  
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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.

Government Ministers will then be in the 'hotseat' to lease, develop or sell public parklands to private developers for their personal projects.

As a member of the public, I would expect that Government Ministers would work to protect public parklands however this is not always the outcome. It is surprising how often private developers use our public protected areas for their own developments because existing protections are removed or overlooked by untrustworthy government ministers allowing private corporations to run and profit from our public green open spaces.

More often these days parks are important for inner city inhabitants and provide refuge for 'endangered' listed wildlife 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 current inhabitants now and for future generations who will live in an even more congested, highrise city.