

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

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I oppose the Bill and believe it should be withdrawn in its entirety.

The pandemic has demonstrated how essential it is that public parkland remain accessible to the public, not alienated to commercial interests seeking to make profits from public assets.

As the government forces ever higher housing density in Sydney it has a responsibility to its citizens to preserve and protect access to public parklands. This Bill fails to do so. The protections are weak to non-existent, local community consultation requirements are grossly inadequate, local councils are sidelined, leaving alienation of public park lands open to exploitation by commercial interests. This is a recipe for (further) corruption in NSW.

There is no public outcry supporting commercialisation of public park lands. Support only comes from vested interests. It is not in the public interest that this Bill proceed.