

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

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I live near Callan Park, and walked a dog there yesterday. I found it quiet and beautiful, (as no Covid testing was on that day).

I am alarmed at the idea that this glorious asset could be used by commercial interests, as it is a valuable resource for city people to access away from strife, pollution and noise and the other downsides of commerce. The idea that this oasis of calm could be 'developed' by groups greedy to use it for their own profit purposes would betray the original farsighted people who reserved and protected it in its natural historic state, as well as the current users of the asset as it was intended.

Public parklands have had an important role in the past two years of Sydney people surviving covid, in that they have been available at no individual cost for recreation and exercise, a common space for people to revitalise and restore their sense of wellbeing.

I am opposed to the Bill.

Janet Thompson