

**Submission
No 65**

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

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Parklands have been put aside for the public use, and their benefits are many:

- > Supporting physical health
- > Supporting mental health
- > Enabling nature connection
- > Public access to natural beauty
- > Maintaining open spaces
- > Retaining history
- > Supporting biodiversity
- > Represent shared wealth and the 'commons'

These are non-commercial spaces that are vitally important to local communities, where they should be managed.

I DO NOT support:

- > Defunding parks
- > Centralising control of these spaces
- > Surrendering parklands
- > Commercialising these spaces

Parks should be appreciated for what they provide and managed accordingly.

Thanks you, Ben