

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

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To the Select Committee on Greater Sydney Parklands Trust Bill 2021

I strongly support submissions made by Friends of Callan Park, the Inner West Council and Jamie Parker MP.

. Open space for passive recreation has been shown to be of the utmost importance to the healthy life of inner suburbs of a great city , especially during a pandemic.

- Callan Park offers an essential green area for passive recreation in an area of high density population.

This open space must be protected from over commercialisation, from intrusive development and from alienation by over- long leasing : MUST remain available for the enjoyment of the community; must NOT be alienated for the use of interest groups.

. In addition, Callan Park holds a unique place in the heritage of the city: having a continuing connection with the changing philosophy directing the treatment of mental health from the Colonial years to recent times. Buildings and gardens associated with this heritage must be protected together with the invaluable open green space that encompasses harbour foreshore to rainforest to open grasslands.

Respectfully