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

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I strongly oppose the Greater Sydney Parklands Trust Bill.

1. It is important that public parks remain areas for public health in both a physical and mental capacity. This is more important now when the new normal needs to account for a Covid future.

2. Funding should remain through government taxation. The danger of commercial activities is that they can detract from the natural environment of parks.

3. A Trust with appropriately skilled people and power to manage a Park is the preferred outcome and not a corporation that may prefer to accommodate their own goals, rather than the needs of those associated with their local park.

This Bill presents a top down approach and I request that in the case of parklands and natural areas a bottom up model is the sensible way to develop policy.

Yours sincerely

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