

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

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I am writing this submission in relation to the proposed Greater Sydney Parklands Trust Bill. I regularly use both Parramatta Park and the Callan Park Precincts for exercise, my wife and I enjoy both the natural beauty of these Parks and the history around Parramatta Park.

The proposal to place these and other parks included under the proposed Greater Sydney Parklands Trust Bill will I believe be a green light for Developers to purchase part of our parks and large corporations to gain long term leases of other parts of these parks.

Western Sydney is straining under the construction of high rise apartments the area, D.A.'s being granted for granny flat construction behind almost every second house and the increased population as a result, so reducing public green space makes no sense at all.

This current N.S.W. government has an abysmal record in relation to Heritage Buildings and seems obsessed with privatising everything.

This proposed plan would appear to me to be just another move to help big business.

Public Parks are exactly that - Public Spaces - i.e. they should not be for sale or long term lease. They are not there for the money making exploits of large corporations.

I believe that The Greater Sydney Parklands Trust Bill proposal if implemented and controlled by the Ministers office would be disastrous in the long term for the public and for the wildlife living in these areas for the reasons that I have outlined outlined above.

These parks in my opinion need to continue to be seen over by local Trusts that are accountable to local people and whose members have a sense of the history of the area concerned.

Thank You for reading my submission.