

**INQUIRY INTO GREATER SYDNEY PARKLANDS TRUST
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I am a long term advocate for better urban planning. In particular I have an interest in Sydney's iconic parklands and public spaces.

The proposed legislation is not in the public interest. Key areas of concern include -

- Centralising the control of Greater Sydney's parklands and public space;
- Expanding the commercialisation and privatisation of Greater Sydney's parklands;
- Giving the Minister of the day unfettered powers, without parliamentary scrutiny;
- Being able to subcontract the trust's role to other organisations including private organisations;
- Plans for Callan Park, in particular plans re Kirkbride;
- Plans in relation to the unsolicited proposal re the Entertainment Quarter at Moore Park
- Plans for Ferntree Estate;
- The capacity to use the legislation for Sydney's blue and green grids which I believe is not disclosed or is understood by the public. This potentially includes the development and acquisition of private land holdings.

Further, I believe the legislation has been deliberately structured to centralise the control of key sites, including harbourside land and key landholdings that are currently managed under federal legislation, which has not been disclosed or is understood.

I also have concerns about the current board; in particular the inclusion of Committee for Sydney's Michael Rose as Chair of the Trust, given the committee's role as a think tank and effective defacto lobby group, and also the committee's response to the review of federal legislation in relation to Sydney Harbour Foreshore lands.

Given the longer term implications, I suggest, the Inquiry make both wider and discrete inquiries to ascertain the longer term plans.