

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

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## **Submission Sunday 16 January 2022 : Greater Sydney Parklands Trust Bill 2021**

This Bill seeks to put under a single Trust comprising 7 Board members, 5,280 hectares of multiple tracts of lands throughout Greater Sydney. The Bill tries to assist the proposed Board to manage very substantial responsibilities by authorising delegation of its functions:

- \* to an “authorised person” whom the Trust may even authorise to make a sub-delegation;
- \* to private subsidiary corporations or joint ventures;
- \* And by establishment of Community Trustee Boards.

This Bill:

- \* neither requires publication of Minutes of proceedings of the Board, or of any Community Trustee Board, nor indeed and more alarmingly, of reasons for any decision of any of the foregoing, or any decision of any delegate;
- \* does not make available to the public without payment of a fee, disclosures of pecuniary interests of Board members or members of Community Trustee Boards, and appears to be silent as to pecuniary interests of others exercising delegated powers.

The Bill does not mandate that public stakeholders, the wider community, actively are included in contributing to creation of plans of land management .

These omissions lay foundations for opaque administration and management -

- \* of the purported objects of the Bill, \* of the lands, \* as well as the powers of the Board and \* of its delegations of powers.

The Bill seeks to create a “top-down” obscure management model which would be a recipe for alienation of community stakeholders who are its primary beneficiaries. This model is not good public policy.

One wonders why the Bill does not reverse the above-listed omissions and instead automatically require that the said information be available in real time on the website of Greater Sydney Parklands.

At the very least, Parliament should in real time have the information directly available to it without need for any request. Administrative transparency would be a wiser aspiration of this ambitious and fundamentally flawed Bill.

Thank you for considering my submission.