

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

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Greater Sydney Parklands Trust Bill 2021

I strongly oppose the Greater Sydney Parklands Trust Bill.

I would like the parliamentary committee to ensure that Callan Park remains protected under the protections hard won in the Callan Park Act which prevents commercialisation and privatisation of any building within the park.

The park can still be leased by NGOs who provide support for the less fortunate and in particular mental health.

Covid 19 has sharply identified the need for open spaces in our city of over 4 million people. It is imperative that the community and council have a role in managing the park as it is we who have ensured its survival for over 20 years as successive governments have played with our concerns.

To give the incumbent minister the power to veto a local park authority at the behest of developers or corporations fills us with dread. Askin is not forgotten.

I would like all the parks under the present proposed umbrella to fly free and be independent trusts. That way will ensure their independence, diversity, local community pride and survival as places of joy, harmony and health.

Fly a kite, not a logo!

Yours sincerely  
Rose Peel