

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

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The Hon. Robert Borsak, MLC
Chair
Select Committee on the Greater Sydney Parklands Trust Bill 2021
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Re: Greater Sydney Parklands Trust Bill 2021

Please accept my submission concerning this bill. I am concerned about the impact of the bill in respect of Callan Park.

I have been a resident of Birchgrove for many years and I was an elected member of Leichhardt Council from 2012 until its amalgamation in 2016. I hold a graduate diploma (Environmental Studies) Macquarie University and I have been an active bushcare volunteer for more than 20 years.

I supported the introduction of the *Callan Park (Special Provisions) Act 2002* and during my term on Leichhardt Council supported the Callan Park Master Plan, the Callan Park Conservation Management Plan and the Callan Park Plan of Management formulated at that time.

I am concerned that Callan Park will be divided in two and the half going to the Health Department would alienate that area for quiet recreation. I am also concerned that the Kirkbride building will become a function centre or business park. I prefer to have Kirkbride serving as building for public health or education.

Callan Park should be managed as an integral heritage item, in accordance with the Conservation Management Plan, and in line with the principles espoused in the ICOMOS Burra Charter. The built heritage and the heritage grounds and gardens should be managed as one heritage item. Further, Callan Park should be managed and run by the local communities which use them.

I am concerned that a greater Sydney Parklands Organisation has the potential to commercialize open space at Callan Park when there is little enough as it is.

I oppose the amalgamation of Greater Sydney Parks under one Trust.

I support the establishment of the Callan Park Trust and management of Callan Park in accord with the *Callan Park (Special Provisions) Act 2002* the Callan Park Master Plan, the Callan Park Conservation Management Plan and the Callan Park Plan of Management.

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