

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

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I write to strongly oppose the Greater Sydney Parklands Trust Bill.

In these especially difficult times of COVID-19, we have seen the importance of open greenspace and parks.

We should have government investing in expanding and improving parks, not commercializing them.

The Greater Sydney Parklands Trust Bill 2021 does not satisfy me that it will ensure appropriate state government funding for maintaining and protecting our park areas. Parks (like schools and hospitals) should be funded by taxpayers. I am also not at all convinced that the community trustee boards provide community-based advice. There is a risk that the bill will concentrate power in the hands of the minister of the day – not good for any democracy.

For all of these reasons I call for the bill to be rejected.