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**INQUIRY INTO GREATER SYDNEY PARKLANDS TRUST
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I know Callan Park intimately, being a very regular visitor for around 20 years. Every time I am there I see first hand how heavily used the area is by a very wide range of people. It is not just dogs and their owners (although there are many of these and their presence is delightful). It provides a safe space for everyone from old and infirm people and disabled people, through to young families, to experience a largely unbuilt and green environment. This has always been critical in the densely built inner west but has been even more important since Covid times. I also ask the committee to note, in particular, that I have seen how Callan Park has allowed unsupervised children to roam and play freely in a way that reminds me of how I grew up, with all the associated benefits of resilience and creativity. This is so important in urban Sydney. Please save Callan Park. I am happy to answer any questions in person on the number supplied.