

**Submission
No 144**

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

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I Oppose the proposed amendments to the Callan park act for these reasons:

1. Enabling 50 year leases to private entities should not be permitted. What do these entities give back in return to the community apart from their single minded interest in pursuing profits.

2. Lack of local community involvement as control will be in the hands of the state government.

Why has local government been cut out of the decision making process for Callan park?

We live locally and have been using Callan park as a "go to" area during months of lockdown. The freedom of wandering within the open spaces of this park was a welcome breath of fresh air to us.

If the pandemic has taught us any lessons it is the crying lack of open space within the city.

Please save our parklands and heritage from over development and private interests.