

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

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We strongly object to the NSW State Government politicizing public parklands, as referred to in the Greater Sydney Parkland Trust Bill, for the following reasons:-

The Bill contains little or no reference to keeping open space in Western Sydney where green open spaces have been converted into housing estates.

The Bill allows for 25 year leases for commercial properties and ignores local community needs for local cafes.

The Bill gives the GSP Board the ability to compulsory acquire public and private land,

The Bill allocates way too much power to the State Minister who may be subject to issues of improper relations with developers.

The Bill essentially renders local community powerless to object to the loss of local parklands.

Instead, the GSP Draft Bill should include a federated community model that enables each of the iconic Sydney parks, Centennial, Callan, Parramatta, Western Sydney Parklands and Fernhill, to have their own Trust Act, allowing them to manage and advocate for their own individual needs.

Yours Sincerely