

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

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I strongly oppose the proposed Greater Sydney Parklands Trust Bill 2021 as it now stands.

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I join in opposition to this bill, my local Council, the Inner West Council, the Friends of Callan Park, the Alliance for Public Parklands and other members of the community and stakeholders.

I am disgusted that the government is seeking to devise ways to draw a profit from public parks by opening the gates to corporations, rather than investing in expanding and improving them, as well as not ensuring ongoing funding for all parklands. It also lets heritage structures within these parks deteriorate so they are no longer viable!

Regarding Callan Park, we do not have a Callan Park Trust only the promise of a consultative committee which can only offer advice. We need a trust with strong local representation to manage Callan Park.

If the management of all the parklands is in the hands of just one Board, under the proposed Bill, the Board would have the power to privatise and commercialise all Sydney parklands. The advisory 'Community Trustees' are selected by the Board and can be dismissed by the Board so therefore they don't really have any real power!

I want a Bill with real community involvement in the management of all Sydney parklands and a commitment by the government to their ongoing funding and protection.

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