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Joint Select Committee on the Greater Sydney Parklands Trust

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MEDIA RELEASE

Committee reviewing the Greater Sydney Parklands Trust Act

Is the framework for the management of the Greater Sydney Parklands appropriate?

A Parliamentary Committee is reviewing the <u>Greater Sydney Parklands Trust Act</u>, which establishes the Greater Sydney Parklands Trust.

The Trust manages the parklands estate, which includes Centennial Parklands, Parramatta Park, Western Sydney Parklands, Callan Park and the Fernhill Estate.

The Committee will look at whether the policy objectives of the Greater Sydney Parklands Trust Act are valid, and whether its terms are appropriate for securing its objectives. These objectives include maintaining and improving the parklands estate, enabling the Trust to facilitate a connection to Country for First Nations peoples, ensuring conservation of the natural and cultural heritage values of the parklands estate, and encouraging use and enjoyment of the parklands estate by the community.

'We want to ensure that the Greater Sydney Parklands Trust is set up to effectively manage and operate the parklands estate,' said Committee Chair, the Hon Peter Primrose MLC. 'The Greater Sydney Parklands are used by thousands of people across our community, and are a vital part of Sydney's green space.'

'In reviewing the Act, the Committee would like to hear from members of the community, local councils and other stakeholders who use the Greater Sydney Parklands and engage with the Trust.'

More information, including the terms of reference, can be found on the inquiry webpage.

Submissions close on 31 January 2025.

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