

**Submission
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REVIEW OF THE GREATER SYDNEY PARKLANDS TRUST ACT 2022

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There are 3 main points:

1. Prioritising the importance of cultural and environmental ecosystems for our native flora and fauna and specially our local totem species and species of belonging.

This is important given the huge urban footprint and modern Australia's appalling track record of species and habitat extinction. It is also mindful of the devastating impact of introduced species and feral species are having on our unique flora and fauna and cultural landscapes.

Management plans that prioritise our local totem species and our native flora and fauna so that other interests that many people may like including pet exercising and recreation activities do not harm the environments where particular species of Ancestral belonging flourish.

2. Prioritising relationships with local Traditional Owner clans and families for various areas in relation to rights to practice culture, protect and interpret cultural heritage, and the leasing of spaces for sustainable business activities. It would be good to have clear policy framework articulating TOs because the instrument of native title is inherently bias against heavily urbanised centres and many parties either inadvertently or sometimes deliberately deny and defame Sydney families by spreading extinction myths so their own interests are further advanced.

3. Celebrating multicultural Australia and social diversity and harmony through the range of accessibility and uses of programming and infrastructure. Values of inclusion are important.

4. Transparency about who appoints board members and advisory groups and the processes undertaken.