

**Submission
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**INQUIRY INTO GREATER SYDNEY PARKLANDS TRUST
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Callum Park is a unique and beautiful green parkland in the inner city. It had been created by a farsighted previous government long time ago to provide a peaceful environment to inmates of the mental facility/hospital. It continues to provide a place for relaxation, exercise, and mental wellbeing of people in the inner city and beyond. I also provide playgrounds and play areas for kids of all ages, to move out of looking at computer screens and exercising physically and relaxing mentally.

We go there regularly, particularly during the lockdown and it helped us maintain our sanity as well as stay active. There are so many other like-minded people every time we go there.

Please keep it as public parkland, open to everybody and not allow commercial interest into this wonderful public place. Allowing a few commercial establishments would be the thin edge of the wedge and before long the whole park is likely to be lost as public place.

Please withdraw this unnecessary legislation and continue to protect the park as you have been doing for many years.