

# Draft Eastern District Plan

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## **Greater Sydney Commission Revised Draft Eastern City District Plan Submission – Friends of Callan Park**

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**We respectfully request that Callan Park and Broughton Hall, located in Rozelle, be included as an essential and significant part of Sydney’s ‘Green Grid’ in the Greater Sydney Commission’s future plans and documentation.**

- Friends of Callan Park is a community organisation with 1400+ members.
- **Callan Park, located in Sydney’s inner west, is a 62-hectare, harbourside site of exceptional significance, with irreplaceable parklands and garden landscapes, heritage, architectural and cultural values to the people of NSW and more particularly, to the population of Sydney’s Eastern City District.**
- It is the site of the former Rozelle Hospital, and historically, its magnificent sandstone Kirkbride buildings were designed and used as an asylum. It is owned by NSW Health and managed by the NSW Office of Environment & Heritage.
- Callan Park has sweeping vistas to the harbour and through extensive tree canopies.
- It provides large tracts of open space, bushland and gardens for active and passive recreation.
- It is used and visited by many thousands of people every year: as a work or educational space; for residential rehabilitation; for organised and casual sporting activities and is the location for many and varied arts, heritage and cultural events – including concerts, exhibitions and

weddings - each year as well as walking, cycling and passive recreational pursuits such as picnics.

- It is home to more tree species than Central Park in New York and has a permanent population of diverse fauna.
- Callan Park is protected from sale, commercialisation or development by the Callan Park (Special Provisions) Act 2002.

We write, once again, to point out that Callan Park has not been listed anywhere in the Eastern City District Plan as a significant green asset. We note however, that other parts of Sydney's 'Green Grid' have been identified in the Plan. Following are specific references that should include Callan Park:

*Maps - page 8 and 13*

*Callan Park should be indicated on the maps as a major parkland.*

*Extract – page 31*

*Callan Park also contributes to the Eastern District's open space and recreational facilities, and should be included as an example as is Moore and Centennial Parks, Elizabeth Park, Concord; Bressington Park, Homebush; Heffron Park, Maroubra and the Royal Botanic Gardens*

*Extract – Sustainability pages 90 and 91*

*We endorse the Greater Sydney Green Grid and consider that Callan Park is an important part of the Grid.*

*Extracts – Planning Priorities*

*Callan Park can substantially contribute to the objectives of the planning priorities E 15 Protecting and enhancing bushland and biodiversity, E 16 Protecting and enhancing scenic and cultural landscape, E 17 Increasing urban tree canopy cover and delivering Green Grid connections, and E 18 Delivering high quality open space.*

Considering the statements and aims contained in the Plan, we are concerned that Callan Park has not been identified or named as a site of equal significance to those named. We note that:

- Sydney Park is 44 ha
- Royal Botanic Garden is 30 ha
- Callan Park is 62 ha

Callan Park's inestimable value as part of Sydney's 'Green Grid' is further enhanced by its harbour frontage, its location within an increasingly urbanised area and its proximity and accessibility to the city. Callan Park is a

