



# Jillian Skinner MP

## Minister for Health Minister for Medical Research

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### MEDIA RELEASE

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#### **PADDOCKS TO BE CONVERTED TO PUBLIC PARKLAND AT CONCORD**

Health Minister Jillian Skinner today welcomed a decision by Sydney Local Health District to convert paddocks on the Yaralla Estate at Concord to parkland for community enjoyment.

Sydney Local Health District today announced that the thirteen hectares of paddocks on the Yaralla Estate will be converted to public parkland.

The Dame Eadith Walker Estate, also known as the Yaralla Estate, is located next to Concord Hospital and is administered by the Sydney Local Health District, in accordance with the *Walker Trusts Act 1938*.

“I have no doubt the local community joins me in welcoming the Local Health District’s decision to open up this magnificent waterfront estate to the wider public.

“Residents of the inner west and wider Sydney will now have the opportunity to enjoy this parkland for years to come,” Mrs Skinner said.

Member for Drummoyne John Sidoti welcomed Sydney Local Health District’s decision, saying it is a win for the local community.

“The Yaralla Estate is a cherished pocket of the inner west and I’m pleased that all community members will now have the opportunity to enjoy it.

“This is a welcome outcome, which will benefit generations of families in our local area.

“I understand the Local Health District will now establish a community advisory committee and I encourage all interested local residents to be involved in how best to use the parkland.”

Sydney Local Health District’s decision is consistent with the *Walker Trusts Act 1938* (Section 19b), which stipulates the land can be used for the purposes of public open space.

In keeping with the *Walker Trusts Act 1938*, the Yaralla Estate will continue to be a base for health services in HIV-related dementia and aged care.