



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

GENERAL PURPOSE STANDING COMMITTEE NO. 6

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Have your say on the management and use of Crown land in NSW**

#### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**27 June 2016**

An Upper House committee has commenced an inquiry into Crown land in NSW. The committee is chaired by the Hon Paul Green MLC of the Christian Democratic Party, and includes representatives of the Liberal Party, the Australian Labor Party and the Greens.

Mr Green said, 'The people of NSW value Crown land as a public asset as it is home to a variety of important natural features and facilities such as parks, beaches, waterways and sports grounds and covers approximately 42 per cent of the state'.

Mr Green continued 'In recent years the NSW Government has foreshadowed wide-ranging reforms to the management of Crown land, including new proposed legislation. These proposals have been met with resistance by some communities as they consider Crown land to be under pressure from privatisation and private development'.

'The inquiry was established to investigate the adequacy of community input and consultation regarding the commercial use and disposal of Crown land. The committee will also be considering the benefits of active use and management of Crown land as well as the most appropriate and effective measures for protecting it. In addition, the inquiry will consider the extent of Aboriginal Land Claims over Crown land and opportunities to increase Aboriginal involvement in its management', Mr Green stated.

The committee is currently accepting submissions and the closing date is Sunday 24 July 2016. The committee will then hold public hearings in Sydney and regional New South Wales. Details of these hearings will be available on the committee's website shortly: [www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/gpsc6](http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/gpsc6). The committee is due to report by 13 October 2016.

Further information about the inquiry, including the terms of reference is also available on the committee's website.

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