GENERAL PURPOSE STANDING COMMITTEE NO. 6

MEDIA RELEASE

Reminder to have your say on the management and use of Crown land in NSW

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An Upper House committee, chaired by the Hon Paul Green MLC of the Christian Democratic Party, is inquiring into Crown land in NSW.

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

'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, the Shoalhaven, Dubbo, Ballina, Newcastle and Gosford. Details of these hearings are available on the committee's website: 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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