

LANDS AND FORESTRY

Questions from the Hon Mick Veitch MLC

Crown Land Vesting

1. Are vesting of Crown Land to Property NSW pursuant to the Government Property NSW Act 2006 subject to community consultation?

Answer

There are no current requirements under the Government Property NSW Act 2006 for vestings of Crown land to Property NSW to be subject to community consultation.

The draft Crown Land Community Engagement Strategy which is currently out for public exhibition provides that vesting of Crown land to Property NSW under the *Government Property NSW Act 2006* are not within the scope of the Strategy and therefore will not be subject to community consultation, consistent with current requirements.

2. Given the Deputy Director General of Lands and Forestry when asked whether transfers of Crown Land to Property NSW would require consultation in accordance with the community engagement strategy replied “yes, definitely”, why does page 25 of the draft Community Engagement Strategy include “vesting of land under the Government Property NSW Act 2006 as a transfer not within the scope of the Strategy?”

Answer

See Answer 1.

The draft Community Engagement Strategy provides that various sales, transfers and vestings of land will be subject to community engagement and also provides for those transfers which would not be within the scope of the Strategy. Comments on the draft Strategy close 10 December 2017 and all submissions will be considered prior to the Strategy being finalised.

Renewable Tenure of Burial Plots

3. Will the option of renewable tenure of burial plots be included as part of the review commissioned by the Minister for Lands and Minister for Planning? If not, why not?

Answer

Renewable tenure of burial plots is not included in the Terms of Reference for the planning review commissioned by the Minister for Lands and Minister for Planning.

Renewable tenure is being addressed through a separate process being undertaken by Cemeteries and Crematoria NSW.