

**Submission
No 334**

**INQUIRY INTO MANAGEMENT OF PUBLIC LAND IN
NEW SOUTH WALES**

Organisation: Hawkesbury-Nepean Catchment Management Authority
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Inquiry into the management of Public Land in NSW

This submission was authorised by Bernie Bugden, General Manager on 30 August 2012.

HNCMA comments relate to the inquiry's Terms of Reference, item numbers 2 and 3:

National Parks & Reserves/Crown Lands/State Forests

Issue	Comment	Response
Pest animal and weed management	The Crown Land Estate managed by OEH; DPI Lands; SCA; Forests NSW; LHPA; and Local Government, if not actively managed can lead to perverse socio, economic and environmental outcomes. Noxious and environmental weeds can be spread between public & private land that impact on sustainable agriculture and resilience of socio-ecological systems. HNCMA has a number of weed and pest control programs to protect areas such as the Blue Mts World Heritage Area.	Partnership between private landowners and Agencies on active management of pest animals and weed control. It is critical to maintain production and environmental objectives. Need to continue support for joint programs to address Catchment Action Plan (CAP) priorities.
Agency collaboration and Regional Service Delivery across the Crown Land Estate	HNCMA recommends: (i) consideration of joint regional service delivery across Agencies to effect improved socio-economic and environmental outcomes. (ii) improved service delivery between CMA, Forests NSW, DPI Lands, , LHPA, DPI: Agriculture, SCA OEH and weed authorities.	This will result in more effective planning, partnerships and implementation programs e.g landscape scale conservation outcomes.
Maintenance of Crown Land Estate management programs	Formulation and implementation of Regional Strategic Plans (Crown Land Estate) and site level Plans of Management (PoM) is critical.	Regional Strategic Plans and PoM important in co-ordinated regional service delivery for delivering CAP outcomes

<p>Water Quality</p>	<p>In the Hawkesbury-Nepean Catchment the Crown Land Estate is a large proportion of Sydney's Drinking Water Catchments.</p> <p>Land management on and adjacent to these lands is critical to maintain water quality for environmental and drinking water consumption.</p>	<p>Current water quality planning and implementation programs are focussed on the upper (drinking water catchment) and the Hawkesbury Lower Nepean (downstream of water storage structures) as discrete planning units. HNCMA recommends an integrated approach across the whole hydrological catchment.</p>
<p>Fire Management</p>	<p>Fire management regimes may have deleterious impacts upon socio-ecological communities, biodiversity, soil condition and river health.</p>	<p>Linking Fire Management Planning and strategies with CAP priorities.</p>