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INQUIRY INTO CROWN LAND IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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How is it that LGA Central Coast is not able to make information freely and publicly available on which lands are Crown Lands and which are not?

When is it that public consultations become public hearings? The public's rights to challenge proposals made at LGA or State Significant Site (SSS) levels must be maintained and strengthened.

Why is it that Central Coast Council (CCC) is changing the zoning of Crown Land parks and reserves solely for the purpose of selling them?

Why is it that the CCC is able to plan to sell off Crown Land without either publishing the criteria upon which these parcels of land were selected; and doing so with land which was bequeathed to them as trustees only, not as owners?

The current administrator of Central Coast Council refuses to address public concerns over the excision of Crown Land to provide an access road for redevelopment of a Crown Land site.

Why, after demonstrating world's best practice in community consultation with regard to the Gosford Challenge proposal for the redevelopment of Gosford's waterfront, was this proposal completely ignored and overridden by State Government declaring this a SSS and thereby decided by the Planning Minister or his delegates?

The SSS clause within the Crown Lands Act must be revoked, with planning and development powers returned to democratically elected LGA councillors with immediate effect.