

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO CROWN LAND IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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The preservation of heritage items and precincts is very important to our understanding of our history and our sense of ourselves as a nation and community.

It is wonderful that buildings such as the girl's home at Parramatta have survived and essential that they and their surroundings be preserved, not only for remembrance of our past but as tourist attractions as well.

Many successful cities and towns in Europe and elsewhere retain their historic character and are respected and attractive to tourists and permanent residents as a result.

The sale or long-term lease of public land to private interests is a gross betrayal of present and future citizens of NSW by the present State Government. It is "selling the family silver" to attain an appearance of financial success for itself, but at huge cost to citizens because the economic and other benefits of public assets is lost for decades, or forever.