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INQUIRY INTO CROWN LAND IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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I wish to make a submission to the Inquiry into Crown Land with respect to term of reference c) the most appropriate and effective measures for protecting Crown land so that it is preserved and enhanced for future generations.

I trust that the review will bear in mind the following important points:

- If Crown land is to remain a valuable public resource it must stay in public ownership, held on Trust by the State on behalf of the people of NSW.
- It is crucial that the social, cultural or environmental values of Crown land are properly evaluated before further decisions are made about the future of Crown land, including TSRs.
- Crown land must be administered in an open, transparent and accountable manner that increases public participation in their management.
- Management of Crown land throughout the State must be based on the principles of ecologically sustainable development.
- Crown land management must recognise the importance of and protect ecosystems and the services they provide such as clean water and air, carbon sequestration and biodiversity.
- Agencies responsible for the administration of Crown land, including TSRs, must work co-operatively with other land managers including State Forests, NPWS and councils to promote conservation of biodiversity and protection of ecosystem services.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

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