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INQUIRY INTO CROWN LAND IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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Crown lands are important for conservation of our remaining flora and fauna, which has been decimated by land clearing and inappropriate use. Many species not protected in national parks are still present on crown land and depend on it remaining in a natural state.

In its carbon pollution reduction target, the Federal government uses uncleared land as one of the means of reaching its target. Converting crown land to private or leasehold will inevitably lead to further reduction in forest or woodland cover, so working against the intent of the Federal government policy.

In an increasingly urbanised nation, undisturbed native forests, woodlands etc. represent an important recreational resource which would not be available if the land is sold off. For example, some of the last remaining natural areas in my vicinity, such as the pristine heathland adjacent to Coffs Harbour airport could no longer be available to me as a place for passive recreation.