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## **INQUIRY INTO CROWN LAND IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

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the NSW Government has outlined huge changes to our Crown lands laws and plans to bring new legislation to the Parliament later this year. They're looking to dispose of parcels of Crown land, which means they will no longer be protected for future generations. Crown land covers approximately 42 per cent of the State, extending from the coastal environments of the east to the arid lands of western NSW. They contain some of our most important patches of remnant bushland and precious waterways, providing vital habitat for native species, important wildlife corridors and intact ecosystems in a significantly cleared landscape.

Poor management practices, such as the sale of Crown roads, long-term leasing of travelling stock routes and increased commercial use of Crown lands are already threatening the important environmental, social and cultural value of these lands, which are meant to be held on trust for the people of NSW.