

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

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The Chairman  
NSW Upper House Committee  
NSW Parliament  
Sydney NSW 2000

Re: Inquiry into the Future of Crown Land

Dear Sir

I write to your committee as a retired environmental chemist and a member of the Dubbo Field Naturalist & Conservation Society Inc.

Crown land is a very valuable public asset. It is home to a variety of important natural features and facilities such as parks, beaches, waterways and sports grounds.

I believe Crown land is under pressure from privatisation and private development. It is very important to carefully consider the management and use of Crown land in NSW.

I include some examples below.

Yours sincerely

Mr Chris Owens, FRACI, C.Cert.

- \* Protection of underground water basins.
- Corridors and shelter for native fauna and protection of remnant flora and substantial patches of flora.
- Prevention of destruction of trees by unnecessary clearing by farmers and road workers and unsustainable logging quotas e.g. in the Pillaga.
- Consideration of dark sky pollution by developments on Crown land e.g. coal seam fields near Siding Springs.
- Alienation of Crown land for the development of accommodation adjacent to National Parks.