

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO CROWN LAND IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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Dear Mr Green

Inquiry into Crown Land

I see from the terms of reference by which the Committee will inquire into the management of Crown Lands that the Committee is not restricted by the terms that have been listed. I therefore ask that in its inquiry and recommendations, the Committee please establish fundamental principles by which the management of Crown Lands must comply; and that these principles give priority to the well-being of local communities and take proper account of the effect of decisions taken today, on the generations to come – that social impact take priority over short-term apparent economic gain.

In particular, I ask that the Committee recommend that Crown Lands must not be used in a way that facilitates increased levels of gun ownership. Such a proscription would, for example, prevent the conduct of an Arms Fair, such as occurs in the township of Narooma, on the far south coast. This Arms Fair underpins an event known as Huntfest, devoted to the promotion 'recreational hunting' and takes place each June long weekend on Crown Land under the trusteeship of the Eurobodalla Shire Council. Of course, such a restriction would be entirely consistent with and supportive of the Government's pronounced opposition to the proliferation of guns within our communities.

I look forward to hearing back on the Committee's recommendations.

Yours sincerely,