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## INQUIRY INTO CROWN LAND IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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Crown Land in NSW must be kept in public hands since it is the people of NSW who use it and benefit from its being maintained for their use. It must be held in Trust by the state government and is not the government's to sell !!. And furthermore the document that maps the extent of Crown Land should be made public. There is a general lack of transparency regarding the sale of Crown Land, who is buying it and where the money will be spent.

The environmental value of Crown Land, much of it undisturbed by development, has been massively underestimated by the government. It needs to be protected by being actively managed by public officials for the benefit of the public and not sold off to private enterprise. Land in the Western Division is so fragile that to change title from leasehold to freehold will reduce the requirement of landholders to consider its fragility and broad-scale land clearing will be a disaster for the delicately balanced eco-system. There has already been huge damage done to this country. When will we learn ??

I therefore make an appeal that Crown Land remain in public hands