

**Submission
No 251**

INQUIRY INTO CROWN LAND IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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Hon Green and committee members

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission to your enquiry. I will keep my submission short and specific. I refer to the Crown Land that exists on the foreshore of Jervis Bay at Collingwood Beach. I know Hon Green is familiar with the location, having walked the dunes with members of the Collingwood Beach Preservation Group in July. The vegetation on this Crown Land has been allowed to grow out of control, mainly through poor council supervision of the local bush-care group. Members of the Collingwood Beach Preservation Group wish to be granted permission to form a dune-care group so as to more appropriately manage the vegetation on the dune.

The Shoalhaven City Council has concerns regarding the legalities of allowing either itself or a defined group to remove trees and other vegetation from the dune, given that it is Crown Land. It seems to me that if council can allow groups to plant trees on the dune then council ought be able to have those trees removed if they become a nuisance.

I would like one of the results of this enquiry to be that it becomes much easier for local councils or residents to know what they can and can't do legally on Crown Land.

Yours Faithfully

John Stuchbery