

**Submission  
No 252**

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

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Dear Committee

In making this submission I will limit my comments to the only bit of Crown Land in NSW that causes me any bother at all. My beach house at Collingwood Beach in Jervis Bay has lovely views of the Bay and Point Perpendicular. That is because there are no tall trees on the dune in front of my house. Unfortunately many of my neighbours and friends on the strip are not so lucky. Despite an original plan to only plant grasses, shrubs, and low growing species on the dune of Collingwood Beach after the beach was salvaged in 1978 after the severe 1974 storms, trees were planted on the dunes. This inappropriate tree (*Banksia Integrifolia*) grows rapidly to a height of up to 25m, self-propagates, and forms a monoculture. In places the trees are so dense that the Bay cannot be seen at all by a person standing on the pathway that runs around the beach.

The local council (Shoalhaven City Council) appears unsure of its legal position as regards attending to these problem trees, as they are located on Crown Land. I would like your committee to produce some clear-cut guidelines for councils and residents as regards their rights and responsibilities when vegetation on Crown Land is either inappropriate or causes significant reduction of visual amenity of a location.

Yours Sincerely

Jenni Stuchbery