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INQUIRY INTO CROWN LAND IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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With regard to the Crown Land Enquiry, I think it is essential to provide a legal mechanism for community groups to take legal action against proposed Crown Land sell-offs, leasing to developers, leasing to commercial interests or other actions.

Often groups are told nothing can be done to challenge decisions as "they have no standing" and have nowhere to go to challenge validity or legality of decisions.

There are many examples of Councils, and even the department of Crown Lands making decisions that ignore the Crown Lands Act. There needs to be a way of for community groups, or even individuals to highlight this and challenge it.

Most groups feel they are totally ignored and if they do participate in "Community Consultations", nothing happens, no one tells them if their submission has been even looked at, let alone considered. There is no feedback at all as to why their submission might not be taken into account.