

**Submission
No 300**

INQUIRY INTO CROWN LAND IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission to this inquiry. I was unaware of this inquiry until a short time ago and I understand that Chair Honourable Mr Paul Green told radio compere Wendy Harmer on 22/7/2016 that there can be a short extension of time in which submissions can be made

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I would like to make a detailed submission during this coming week as this is an area of interest and concern to me.

I consider that crown land is vital to retain in public hands for use in ecological conservation and habitat corridors. Australia has the worst record of species extinction in the world and the loss is accelerating.

It was interesting that the Federal government gave the visiting US Vice President a koala to hold because it is our iconic species, yet we are about to lose them. That appeared to symbolize our intransigent economic growth at any expense and our failure to recognize the cumulative effects.

Crown land is a vital component of slowing down our loss.

I will make a detailed submission this coming week.

Thank you

Yours Sincerely

Kate Watson