

**Submission
No 161**

INQUIRY INTO CROWN LAND IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Organisation: North Parramatta Residents Action Group Inc.

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NORTH PARRAMATTA

Residents Action Group Inc

19th July 2016

Dear Standing Committee No. 6,

I am writing to you on behalf of the community of Parramatta to which I am the President of a large residents group. www.nprag.org It is the objects of our association to protect and promote public lands remaining in public hands.

We are very concerned with the state governments current mismanagement of Crown Land on behalf of the people of NSW. We feel this department has been stripped of funds and resources to purposefully allow the land owned by the people of NSW for public recreation to run into disrepair and then alienating the lands to private ownership.

We demand the government set aside a generous budget and set up a well staffed department to care for these lands and ensure they remain in public hands ONLY.

We need highlight to the committee two areas of crown land in Parramatta under imminent threat from State Government turning over for private use or for commercial profit with absolutely no genuine or transparent community (meaning residents) consultation.

These are Crown Land:

1. Lot 2 DP 862127 - Crown Land: Kambala Reserve Trust - Reserve No. 1002899
Currently under threat from Urban Growth NSW development
2. Parramatta War Memorial Swimming Pool (currently leased from Parramatta Park Trust)
This land is protected under the Parramatta Park Trust Act 2001 but is under imminent threat by VENUES NSW building a new Stadium. We feel that the current committee of the Parramatta Park Trust are not withholding the objects or functions of the Trust but are aiding the State Governments commercialization of Crown Land for private profit.

We call for an immediate freeze on both these State Government projects to allow for an independent review and genuine and transparent consultation to be held with the community to be carried out by an independent firm NOT chosen by any government department involved in the proposed developments.

Regards

Suzette Meade
President
