

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO CROWN LAND IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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Inquiry into Crown Land

We are living adjacent to large sections of Crown Land and treasure it highly. We also lease a parcel from the Crown for nature preservation.

All of the bushland is valuable habitat for indigenous flora and fauna.

We cherish our intimate coexistence with nature and value our clean and beautiful tasting water (we are not connected to Sydney Water) our clean air and the peaceful and calming effect which the bush surrounds impress on our mental wellbeing.

The surrounding bushland is visited by many other humans for relaxation, sport, cultural reasons or natural studies.

The land provides habitat for a large variety of native flora and fauna species including a long list of endangered species and ecological communities.

We also have family in the country (north western slopes) and regularly visit and enjoy the bushland along the TSRs (Travelling Stock Routes). For bird observation we also found TSRs to be the prime location as other land is often too denuded of middle storey habitat.

We know how important it is that the bushland needs preservation as a whole with wildlife corridors and that any further destruction will destroy the habitat provisions dramatically.

We are pleased to see the inquiry about Crown Lands is happening and request that Crown Land is protected for the future to preserve and restore all its inherent ecosystem functions to provide clean water, clean air and highest carbon storage functions as result from the protection or restoration of the native vegetation. The land must protect habitat for indigenous flora and fauna and destructive human activities must be curtailed. We request that financial and other resources be provided to achieve this.