

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO CROWN LAND IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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SUBMISSION FOR A PUBLIC INQUIRY INTO CROWN LAND

The Crown Land in my local area that is highly valued by the community is King Edward Park Headland Reserve and it has had many threats in the past. The most recent threat was to have 500 capacity private function centre, ceremonial lawns and car park that meant that the public would be alienated from public land.

Action was brought by Friends of King Edward Park, (FKEP) and the Court decided that the Plan of Management and the development application were invalid and of no effect and that for the land to fulfill the role of public reserve, as it had been dedicated under s. 87 of the Crown Lands Act, it was to be accessible to the public as of right and not too be used as a source of private profit.

The State Government has not been effective in protecting Crown Land in my area and there is ample evidence in the King Edward Park Headland Reserve material to suggest the opposite and a tendency to shed Crown Land at give-away prices.

I do not support the systemic transfer of Crown Land to local councils that is not considered by the State Government to be of "State Significance"? In the past developer influence in local government has been unlimited through donations and office bearing roles. It is impossible to exclude the possibility of prejudice under the circumstances.