

Supplementary
Submission
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INQUIRY INTO CROWN LAND IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Organisation: Saving Sydney's Trees

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Submission to the NSW Upper House Inquiry into Crown Land on Behalf of SAVING SYDNEYS TREES.

Saving Sydneys Trees make this submission in the belief that the public they represent hold their Crown Land dear to their heart. That it should be retained in perpetuity in the hands of the public and for its free access and use;

That all uses of these lands must be Ecologically Sustainable at all times. That they be Protected and reflect the increasing of canopy and environmental protections offered by these lands in all decision making into the future ;

That public ownership of such places as Centennial Park and Moore Parklands; Bondi Beach; Hyde Park; Prince Alfred; Parsley Bay; Watsons Bay; Observatory Hill; Martin Place; Aboriginal lands; public beaches and reserves; sports and showgrounds and many more of the like in Australia, should be maintained with this common purpose for the public, in, as has been understood and expected by the public, in Perpetuity for them;

That The Public (Including Aboriginal Representatives) should be involved in the say over proposed uses as a matter of due process;

That in the interest of future protection in planning that a National Registry of ALL Crown Lands should be compiled and readily available to the public;

That records of these lands be kept exact and complete, at all times; and at free and ready public access- (it is seen that technology would make this easy);

That these lands should not be passed from the protections and responsibility of "Crown Lands" classification;

That Wilderness and Aboriginal Lands should also fall under this protection;

We ask that examination of activity on the lands of the Centennial and Moore Park Parklands be investigated as some examples of activity perceived as not desirable / appropriate by members of the community :

*The taking of community trees and the environmental degradation by this connection to ministry of roads, transport, infrastructure, over the trusted guardianship expected of the "TRUST" be reviewed. In particular the plan of the CBD and South East Light Rail, where capacity is not met by the mode chosen to the extent that more negative impacts on the community and its trees and land calls for a better process and direction . The failure of Transport and Roads to decrease the congestion with this plan but rather increases it and diminishes resources of Roads, ALL need Inquiry. The compliance given from the "TRUST" of particular public interest. Diligence and Public approval neither sort or given. In Fact the reaction of the public to this abuse immense.;

*The Moore Park "SuperCentre" possession of years past...on Centennial and Moore Parkland;

*The old tram line yards when dismantled, did these lands pass back to the public??

*Activity in operation of the ATC;

*SCG;

*Football Stadium;

*Entertainment Quarter;

*Harvey/Singleton Corporation(?);

*Moore Park Golf Club;

*Tennis /Netball/Soccer enterprises- Investment and acquisition of company relating to this;

*Restaurant and leases within Centennial and Moore Park Lands;

*Extension of this style of investigation into all Crown Lands in the future;

*Thorough Audit and explanation made available to the public on all Crown Land arrangements

We call, in support of, this full and comprehensive public investigations and for an immediate moratorium on any Crown and Public land being leased; sold or developed or approvals reviewed, until this inquiry reports are finished ; seen and reviewed by the public ; and public approval is given for:

Appropriate Direction, use and administration of these lands for the future with Absolute Protection and Sustainability Assured;

Yours Sincerely

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For **SAVING SYDNEYS TREES**