

Submission  
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## INQUIRY INTO CROWN LAND IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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Director – General Purpose Standing Committee No. 6

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Dear Sir/Madam,

**Submission – Inquiry into Crown Land in NSW**

I refer to your correspondence regarding the abovementioned.

Council would like to highlight the following:

- *Extent of Crown Land and benefits of active use and management of that land to New South Wales*  
It is recommended that consideration should be given to the allocation of financial support for the management of any Crown Land that is under the control of a Reserve Trust.
- *Adequacy of community input and consultation regarding the commercial use and disposal of Crown Land*  
No comments.
- *Most appropriate and effective measures for protecting Crown Land so that it is preserved and enhanced for future generations*  
No comments.
- *Extent of Aboriginal Land Claims over Crown Land and opportunities to increase Aboriginal involvement in the management of Crown Land*  
Council has experienced the lengthy process of acquiring Crown Land for the purposes of infrastructure, where the land was identified in an Aboriginal Land Claim. The process to acquire this land was quite lengthy. It is recommended that consideration be given to reducing the processing time of Aboriginal Land Claims over Crown Land.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Council's Manager Development & Planning, Carolyn Hunt.

Yours faithfully

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