

**Submission
No 195**

INQUIRY INTO CROWN LAND IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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To whom it may concern,

This submission concerns the land at 10-12 Jumbuck Crescent, Woy Woy, NSW 2256. I have been unable to find out if this is Crown Land or not. The reserve is listed for reclassification from community to operation land, and then potentially for sale, by Central Coast Council (a process started by the former Gosford Council).

Gosford Council has identified this reserve (under Bells Vegetation 2013) as Extant E37ei Coastal Sand Swamp Forest (CSSF) and as Regionally Significant Vegetation. Council has described Regionally Significant Vegetation as "identified by Council as having regional ecological significance, and the ecological values associated with such vegetation are intended to be protected and so impact land capability." (my underlining). CSSF once covered large areas of the Peninsula but now only survives in a few small locations. There are now only 40 hectares of CSSF left in the Gosford LGA, 15 per cent of the estimated pre-1788 amount (source: Richard Gibson, NSW OEH).

With population density projected to increase in coming years, it is vital to protect the few remaining pockets of suburban green space, especially those such as 10-12 Jumbuck Crescent identified as having particular ecological value. Local green space has been shown in numerous studies to significantly enhance quality of life for surrounding residents.

Therefore this reserve should remain as community land and not be reclassified and sold for development.

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