

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO CROWN LAND IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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Please accept this submission not as an individual submission but as many millions of submissions by individuals in NSW who may not be aware of the Inquiry but who agree that Crown Land should not be privatised or commercialised.

The current push to capitalise on the commercial potential of Crown Lands benefits individuals or at best minority groups at the expense of the wider community.

It is worth stating the obvious which appears to have been ignored in the past and no doubt will continue to be ignored.

1. Crown Land is a precious finite resource.
2. The plots of Crown land with the highest commercial potential are in or near population centres.
3. The re-use or disposal of Crown Land in high population centres can NEVER be reversed.

The re-use by selling, leasing or licensing Crown land alienates the public who are the owners of the land. It has to be asked - 'do the majority wish to see their Crown Land resources eroded? '

The answer is a resounding 'No!' - Then how can the Government justify its opposing the vast majority of its constituents?

The position taken by the Authorities on this issue is unconscionable. PLEASE stop the process and announce a MORATORIUM on Crown Land re-use that will end the unjustifiable abuse of authority.

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