

**Submission  
No 257**

## **INQUIRY INTO CROWN LAND IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

**Name :** Mr D A Baggaley

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The Director,  
General Purpose Standing Committee No. 6,  
Parliament of N.S.W.,  
Macquarie St.,  
Sydney. N.S.W. 2001

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I refer to a parcel of crown land adjacent to and south of the Gold Coast Airport, known as N.S.W. Crown Reserve 59360. I understand that this land has been leased to the owners of the Gold Coast Airport. My submission to you is:

1. There appears to have been no consultation with the public prior to granting this lease.
2. This is an extremely important parcel of saltwater wetlands which provides untold support to many & varied varieties of fish, crustacean, bird life & other life forms & is designated "class 1 Fishing".
3. This proposed use of this land would mean complete & irreversible destruction of this wetland denying any present & future generations of public access to what is public land. This is also contrary to what the land was designated for.
4. If this acquisition by a private entity, for the sole purpose of financial gain is allowed to proceed, what is to stop the same thing happening to other crown land holding e.g. destruction of parts of the Great Barrier Reef to exploit personal gain.

As an ex commercial fisherman & a keen recreational fisherman, I consider that I speak with authority on the importance of this parcel of crown land to remain in the hands of the people.

Yours sincerely,

D.A.Baggaley