

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO CROWN LAND IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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Committee Chair

GENERAL PURPOSE STANDING COMMITTEE NO. 6

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Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission. I wish to raise a number of concerns relating to the proposed changes to the Crown Lands Act. These include:

1. That no evaluation of the social or environmental values of Crown lands were made during the review of the Crown Lands Legislation White Paper although this was required by the Review's terms of reference.
2. Ecologically sustainable development (ESD) is not proposed as an object of the new legislation and current management principles in the Crown Lands Act will be omitted.
3. Under the government's plans, a business-orientated model is proposed that would promote economic growth over good environmental practice.
4. Crown land assessed as having local significance, if transferred to councils, could then be sold or its use changed. For example, open space could become a parking lot or road.
5. Carbon sequestration will be promoted without consideration to the effectiveness and environmental impacts of particular types of sequestration
6. The government's position on issues such as forestry on Crown lands and identification of Crown land as wilderness is unknown
7. The government has not made public over 600 submissions to the Crown Lands Legislation White Paper. This is in contrast to what occurred in respect to the Planning Review White Paper

I call on the Committee to also instigate an immediate moratorium on any Crown and public land being sold or developed until the committee is able to report to Parliament.

Yours sincerely,

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