

Supplementary  
Submission  
No 265a

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

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General Purpose Standing Committee No 6. 9/8/16.

Dear Committee

We attended the brief meeting on 8/8/16. Only six of our members were able to get there on such short notice. However we learnt much and were happy to hear that the 3 groups who spoke have the same needs and ideas as we have. Thank you very much for having the meeting.

Our group have been communicating with the parliament for over 30 years re the issues with crown lands (including the greens). There is another group, recently formed, which is trying to build a profile (Mtn District association). However, we are concerned that we received NO warning of this very serious inquiry not even from C.E.N. which we have regular contact with.

We had been working with our local MP. for Yaaford on a very serious issue re our local Heritage hall and NO parking for events. Cathy Smith the Member for Yaaford is away on sick leave. We never thought of Hillary Morris as she was a councillor on Yaaford Council, the traditional problem with most things on the Mountain over many years. Having said that we do hear from Hillary on infrequent occasions and are distressed that she didn't make contact re this very important issue.

We are sorry that the typeasts have more work to do, but, we all agreed after the

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meeting yesterday, to add some more comment to our previous two hasty submissions.

We noted that David Shoebridge said that one suggestion is to put all crown land under local council management. We want to say please NO. Reasons - summary only from our long experience.

1. Richard Woodbury reserve - We are afraid to go to our local swimming spot. Council banned cars to picnic etc. However, turned a blind eye to the fact that for years a local business supplies persons to strip off and bathe in front of our kids and families when we visit.

2. Cemeteries - We are an old settlement. The 4 cemeteries on crown and along the creek were all closed by council. We accept for environmental reasons!! However, council won't dedicate another site. Both the European and aboriginal descendants have a need to be buried in a proper place AT HOME

3. Crafts Creek reserve - years ago council agreed to sever a piece to add to ~~the~~ Mangrove Creek reserve (MPG 3R 14) to suit demands of the Equestrian group against the rest of us.

Recently the Astronomers group, who camped there to star watch a couple of times a year, has over many years tell us they are refused access by the equestrian lobby which now has a licence for one or 2 days a month!!

4. Crafts Creek reserve - last year the CEO of Galford Council - sold off a piece of Crafts Creek reserve to a business wanting to put a ~~for~~ poultry slaughter setup

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and dispose of the liquid waste which goes into Mangrove Creek joint water supply weir!!

5. Shakes forest on Ironbark Rd has had foxes, breeding on mass for years (also wild dogs). Councils answer the area is too small to bait/stray.

6. Ironbark reserve - Council allowed the small semi rainforest area become choked with every feral weed possible. People to pump from the reserve till the creek flow stopped for weeks on repeated occasions. ~~Council's answer~~ People put a metre + brick wall across the top of the waterfall and caused serious siltation as a result of loss of natural flow -

Over many years locals got grants to weed and regenerate the area and remove the wall. Council signed permission, but, that's about it.

7. Mangrove Mtn reserve (MD96 R15) our group who are trustees of the adjoining Heritage listed hall over generations have weeded, planted, removed rubbish, paid to maintain the playground, fertilized and mulched all as VOLUNTEERS on the reserve. Council weren't involved and don't communicate any plans for the reserve our neighbour and vital to our hall to us?

8. In closing we totally support what the groups who spoke yesterday said. ~~We~~ We have written to council for many years at got ignored. You could add the Vaughn tennis court reserve recently sold by council, the other reserve near the Golf club now granted exclusive use to park on. In fact the golf course also. Wonder when council will sell it to developers? You see since grandfather's time Yonford Developed by Developers demand!!

Note - Junon council staff have given minimal help or support, but, the bureaucrats only had developers ears and no concept of future, history etc.

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