

**Submission
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**INQUIRY INTO LOCAL LAND SERVICES AMENDMENT
(MISCELLANEOUS) BILL 2020**

Organisation: Save Mt. Gilead Inc.

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SUBMISSION to Inquiry into the Local Land Services Amendment (Miscellaneous) Bill 2020

Save Mount Gilead has viewed the LLS Amendment Bill 2020 and does not support it.

Like the Environmental Defenders Office there is real concern that what underpins this Bill is "inconsistent with recommendations made by the NSW Audit Office, Natural Resources Commission and NSW Upper House Inquiry; and also the original recommendations of Independent Biodiversity Review Panel. The Bill also pre-empts the outcomes of government reviews currently in progress."

Always, the public will have much greater confidence in and respect for legislation if it is consistent with recommendations made by independent expert panels and authorities.

The fact that the changes proposed in this Bill are likely to have the effect of removing important protections for koala habitat and will further facilitate excessive and inappropriate land clearing, is likely to drive an even greater wedge between farmers and environmentalists. This is disastrous, given farmers are generally the most effective custodians of land.

Save Mt. Gilead concurs with EDO's Summary of Key Concerns which is attached.

What is needed is certainty, not constantly changing rules and plans that are never allowed to reach their natural conclusion.

Yours Sincerely

Sue Gay

Save Mt. Gilead Inc.

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