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Activity

Name of Activity

State Strategic Plan for Crown Land

Our Reference:

SSP Crown Land

Please provide your details

1. First name *

Shauna

2. Last name *

Forrest

4. Are you completing this survey as part of an organisation? *

If 'Yes' is selected, complete details in Q.5

Yes No Prefer not to say

5. Organisation

If you answered 'Yes' to Q.4

Lane Cove Bushland & Conservation Society

6. Postal/street address *

7. Suburb *

Lane Cove

8. State *

NSW

9. Postcode *

1595

10. Email *

11. Which of the following options best indicates your current or past use or interest in Crown land in New South Wales? *

Please select all that apply

<input type="checkbox"/>	I am a Crown land manager
<input type="checkbox"/>	I am a Showground society manager
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	I am involved with a community or volunteer group that uses or maintains Crown land facilities
<input type="checkbox"/>	I am a member of a Commonwealth or state peak body with operations on Crown land
<input type="checkbox"/>	I have a lease to use Crown land
<input type="checkbox"/>	I have a licence to use Crown land
<input type="checkbox"/>	I use Crown land for my business
<input type="checkbox"/>	I am an Aboriginal Land claimant over areas of Crown land
<input type="checkbox"/>	I am a Native title claimant over areas of Crown land
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	I use Crown land for recreation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	I use Crown land when travelling away from home or visiting other places
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	I care about Crown land management as a resident of New South Wales
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other

Other

If you selected Other, please provide details (1,500 characters):

As a Society that has been advocating for the environment for just short of 50 years, the Lane Cove Bushland & Conservation Society is concerned to conserve and protect Crown Land both in our local area and across the State. We work to preserve the natural bush and wetlands of the Lane Cove area and to advance ecologically sustainable development for the urban and rural environment.

12. What use/s of Crown land do you value? *

Please select all that apply:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Open or green space
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Community use
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Aboriginal land rights
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Biodiversity
<input type="checkbox"/>	Jobs and economic growth
<input type="checkbox"/>	Renewable energy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other

Other

If you selected *Other*, please provide details (1,500 characters):

We are particularly concerned that Crown Land NOT be exploited for development or degraded by overuse, but conserved as a breathing space for urban communities and the preservation of biodiversity in rural areas.

We note that urban bushland barely receives any attention in the draft SSP for Crown Land, yet it is extremely precious in the increased densification of urban areas.

'Green space' is a broad a term applied to anything from parks to sporting facilities as well as natural bushland. Bushland is more than green space and requires special attention.

Strategic Plan priorities

The draft State Strategic Plan identifies four strategic priorities to guide Crown land management and inform the ways in which Crown land is used, and the activities, communities and environments it will support. These priorities are:

Priorities			
Enable jobs growth, commercial opportunities and sustainable economic progress in regional and rural NSW	Expand green space, sustainable quality of life and climate change resilience	Strengthen and support evolving community connections	Work with Aboriginal communities to realise the potential of their land rights

More information on these priorities is in [section 3.3 of the draft plan \(PDF\)](#).

Please provide your feedback

13. These are the best priorities for Crown land over the next 10 years. *

Please select

Strongly agree

Agree

Neutral

Disagree

Strongly disagree

14. Please rate each of the priorities from 'Very important' to 'Not important at all'.

Enable jobs growth, commercial opportunities and sustainable economic progress in regional and rural NSW.

Please select

Very important

Important

Neutral

Of minor importance

Not at all important

Expand green space, sustainable quality of life and climate change resilience

Please select

Very important

Important

Neutral

Of minor importance

Not at all important

Strengthen and support evolving community connections

Please select
Very important
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Of minor importance
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Work with Aboriginal communities to realise the potential of their land rights

Please select
Very important
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Neutral
Of minor importance
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Do you believe that any changes should be made to these priorities, or are there any new priorities you would like to suggest?

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The very order of the priorities indicated the preference in the SSP for commercial and economic development of Crown Land rather than preservation of plant and animal diversity.

As Crown Land is so diverse and can be urban or rural, valuable or degraded, the choices of answers are inadequate and dependent on the circumstances. The very first priority should be for an Audit of Crown Land so it is clear what they actually are.

It is unclear what is intended with aims such as 'Strengthen and support evolving communities'. This is just another term for commercial and economic development.

Strategic Plan outcomes

The draft State Strategic Plan identifies 15 outcomes to focus our practical efforts and enable us to deliver on the priorities of the plan. These 15 outcomes are mapped to the four priorities in the table below:

Priorities			
Enable jobs growth, commercial opportunities and sustainable economic progress in regional and rural NSW	Expand green space, sustainable quality of life and climate change resilience	Strengthen and support evolving community connections	Work with Aboriginal communities to realise the potential of their land rights

Outcomes			
Support innovative and sustainable regional industries	Prioritise the use of Crown land for green and open space in urban areas	Sustain the places where people come together	Make Aboriginal land transfers a priority – and see them as an opportunity
Expand regional tourism	Use Crown land to expand access to affordable housing	Partner with the organisations that serve our communities	Contribute to the ongoing recognition of native title rights
Assist new sustainable energy, resources and infrastructure projects	Support and restore environmental values on Crown land	Strengthen and uphold compliance to ensure a fair go	Explore co-management of land to generate mutual benefits
Facilitate investment on Crown land	Manage Crown land to build resilience in a changing climate		Collaborate with Aboriginal groups in each place to improve outcomes

More information on these outcomes is in [section 3.3 of the draft plan \(PDF\)](#).

Please provide your feedback

15. These are the best outcomes for Crown land over the next 10 years. *

Please select
Strongly agree
Agree
Neutral
Disagree
Strongly disagree

16. Please rate each of the outcomes from 'Very important' to 'Not at all important'.

Support innovative and sustainable regional industries

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Partner with the organisations that serve our communities

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Make Aboriginal land transfers a priority – and see them as an opportunity

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Contribute to the ongoing recognition of native title rights

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Explore co-management of land to generate mutual benefits

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Collaborate with Aboriginal groups in each place to improve outcomes

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Of minor importance
Not at all important

Do you believe that any changes should be made to these outcomes or would you like to suggest any other outcomes the department should address in the State Strategic Plan?

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We would be willing to support proposals for the use of Crown Land and be more than just neutral should strategies for the protection of the environment be in place. Tourism, affordable housing, regional industries, etc, all seem laudable but without environmental protections, constitute exploitation of often fragile land. 'Places for people to come together', compliance and co management are broad generalisations and not sufficiently defined to be worthwhile outcomes. We would support assistance being given to new sustainable energy if it is compatible with environmental protection, but mining Crown Land for resources or developing infrastructure projects are likely not to be compatible.

Recognition of Aboriginal title and land transfer is important and should not be a token gesture that provides only poor or degraded land that is not commercially viable for Aboriginal communities.

Strategic Plan enabling initiatives

The draft plan identifies seven enabling initiatives to support delivery against the strategic priorities and objectives of the plan. These enablers are:

- Make more of our information available and transparent
- Standardise leases and licensing for common activities
- Simplify licencing for domestic waterfront structures
- Reduce red tape for government entities managing Crown land
- Provide tools and resources to volunteer Crown land managers
- Build understanding of native title
- Engage and support a new generation of Crown land managers

More information on these enablers is in [section 4 of the draft plan \(PDF\)](#).

Please provide your feedback

17. These are the best enablers to support delivery of the plan. *

Please select
Strongly agree
Agree
Neutral
Disagree
Strongly disagree

18. Please rate each of the enablers from 'Very important' to 'Not at all important'.

Make more of our information available and transparent

Please select
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Standardise leases and licensing for common activities

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Do you believe that any changes should be made to these enabling initiatives, or are there any other enabling initiatives you would like to suggest?

Please provide details (1,500 characters):

Again our response would be more positive if there was a guarantee that the enabling initiatives were not for development and exploitation of Crown Land resources without concomitant protection of the environment.

Standardised leases and licensing for common activities may not be possible, given the diversity of Crown Land - again an Audit should be the first priority.

There should be provision in these enabling initiatives for community consultation and for communities to take action should breaches of Crown Land management occur.

Other feedback

19. Please provide any other comments about the draft State Strategic Plan for Crown land.

Please provide details (1,500 characters):

The Survey Format of this submission process effectively weighs the priorities in favour of the questioner and allows only limited responses from those who answer it. Some of the questions are 'motherhood' questions pre determining a positive response, for example: the reduction of red tape is a worthy aim but red tape in what circumstances?

Ecologically sustainable development should underpin the use, lease or sale of any Crown Land and should be closely monitored on the grounds of public interest. The length of tenure should be restricted and subject to regular review in the light of development or maintenance of the land. As disastrous land clearing has escalated in recent times, all proposals should be closely examined and rejected except in extreme cases. The use of Offset Credits is unsatisfactory and determining 'like for like' inadequate and open to abuse.

The operation of management boards should be transparent and should not override local community representation. Sufficient financial provision should be made for the maintenance of park lands and heritage buildings on Crown Land. Local Councils should receive sufficient financial support to manage Crown Land to avoid pressure to sell operational land.

Finally, where urban bushland is on Crown Land, it should be protected as it contains remnant vegetation and major wildlife habitat and corridors as well as being the lungs and canopy of the city.

20. Where did you hear about the State Strategic Plan? *

Please select all that apply:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Social media
<input type="checkbox"/>	Print media
<input type="checkbox"/>	Radio
<input type="checkbox"/>	Google search
<input type="checkbox"/>	Crown Lands website
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ad in local paper
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Correspondence from the department
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other

Other

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Semi-public	<i>I would like my submission to be published but want my name and contact details to be confidential and not published</i>
Public	<i>Please publish my submission including my name and contact details</i>

Privacy & confidentiality

Please indicate your confidentiality preference from the following options: *

<input type="radio"/>	Confidential
<input type="radio"/>	Semi-public
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	Public

Thank you for your submission on the draft State Strategic Plan for Crown Land. All feedback is valued by the department.

If you have any questions, please contact us on 1300 886 235 or email cl.enquiries@crowmland.nsw.gov.au



Subject:
Date:

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Thursday, 20 August 2020 4:38:24 PM

Dear Crown Lands Officer

I read through the draft Plan and found it to be wide ranging and full of positive ideas, many of which are timely and have great merit. However, I am concerned that the draft Plan fails to properly address major issues regarding progressive loss of biodiversity and increase in environmental degradation on many of our Crown Lands. In this submission I wish to address these concerns alone and do not wish to comment on other aspects of the Plan.

As an ecologist with 40 years experience, mostly working in rural areas of NSW, I am acutely aware of the progressive loss of biodiversity and landscape values on both public and private land in NSW. The impacts of the recent drought and associated wildfires cap the progressive losses resulting from inappropriate management and, in many cases, inappropriate clearing of native vegetation. There is an urgent need to assess the impacts of the drought on native vegetation and wildlife, and to respond to avoid further losses.

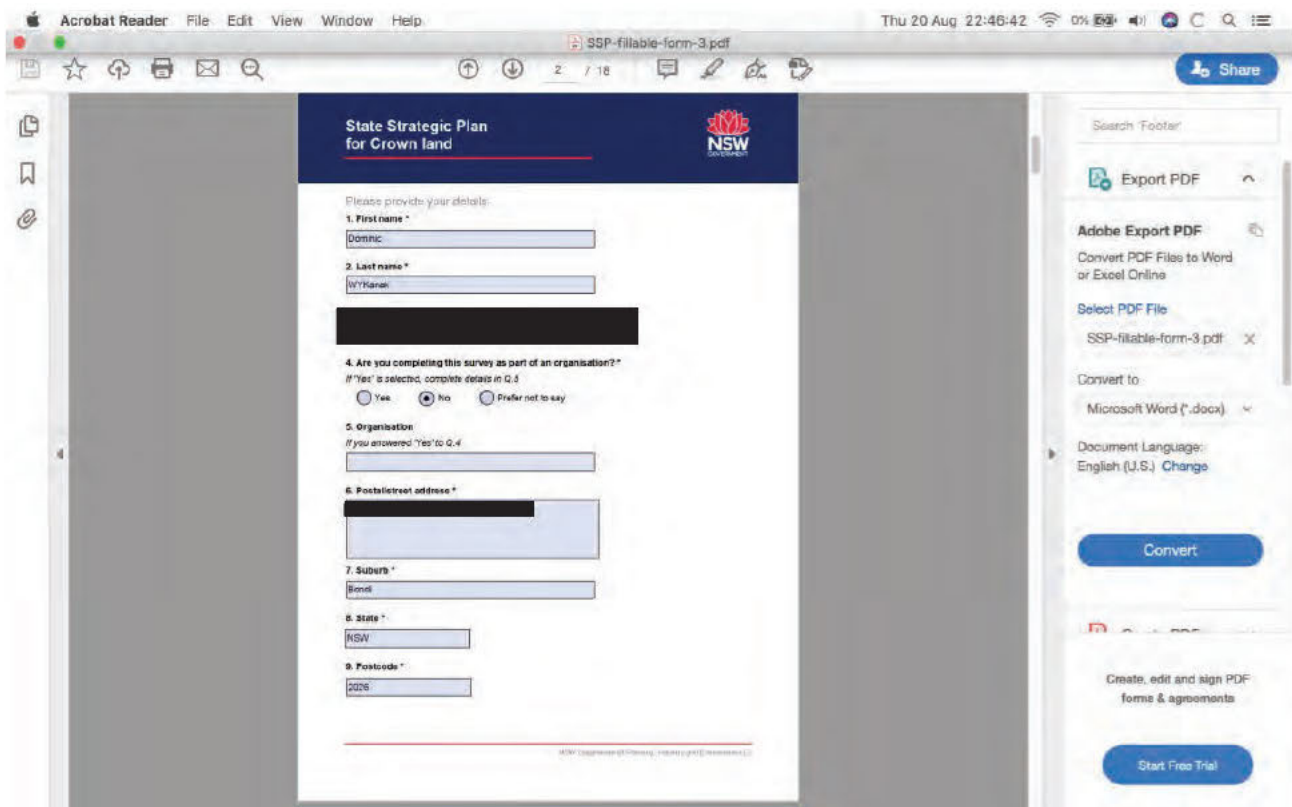
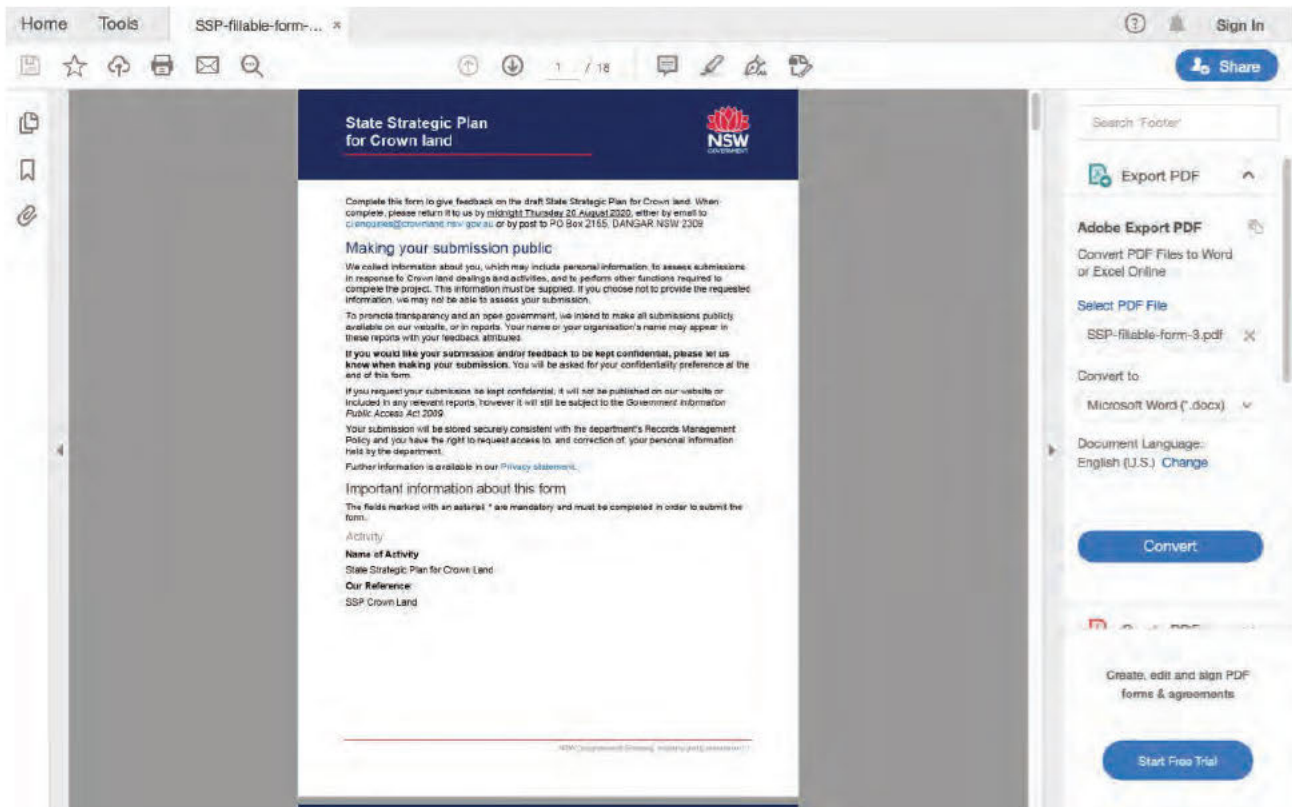
In particular, it seems ironic that, at the very time the prediction of climate scientists that western NSW will become hotter and drier is starting to happen in an obvious way, more land is being cleared for cropping and the cropping zone is being expanded into more arid areas. How much of that clearing is happening on Crown Land? Other areas have been overgrazed, contributing to the dust storms we have experienced over the last few years. I am concerned that, if we don't do anything to address inappropriate land management in western NSW that we will be risking desertification on a large scale. The Plan should include measures to assess and remedy this situation. The draft Plan refers to adoption of a quadruple bottom line approach to management of Crown Land, which includes consideration of environmental concerns, but resources need to be allocated to assess what is happening and, ultimately, responsibility needs to be taken.

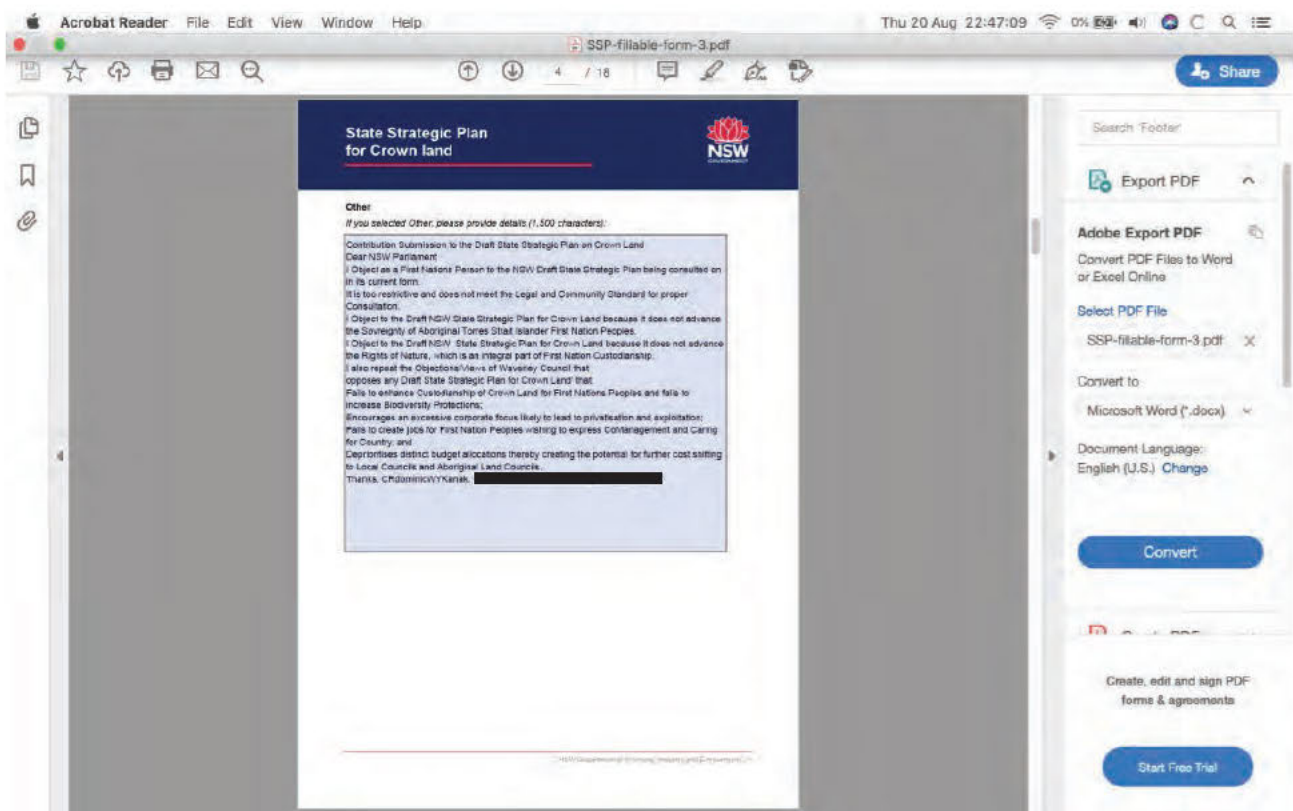
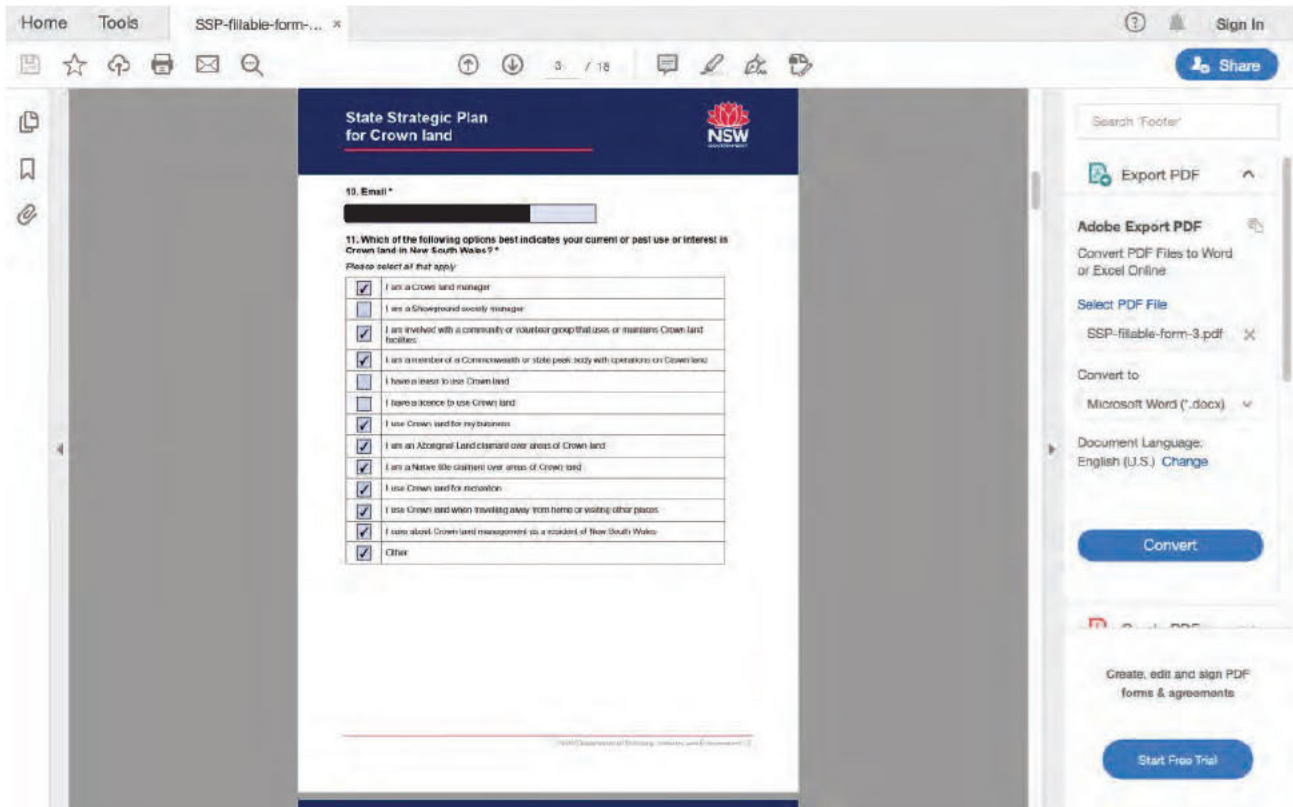
Travelling Stock Reserves (TSRs) are another example of Crown Lands where, in many situations, changed management regimes, by the Local Lands Services, are leading to impacts on biodiversity. Travelling Stock Reserves often provide the best remaining examples of our woodland ecosystems. Traditionally, they were grazed by occasional mobs of livestock but usually with extended periods without any grazing at all. This enabled plants that were sensitive to grazing to recover. However, more and more TSRs are being grazed continually under long-term leases, and as a consequence grazing-sensitive species, including original dominant tussock grasses are disappearing from our landscapes. The Plan does recognise that "Crown Lands across NSW can be used for conservation of landscapes and species, in support of the government's biodiversity priorities". But this does not go far enough to address this issue, it lacks a proper acknowledgement that loss of biodiversity can be irreversible and that we need to give priority to protecting our heritage.

Dr Chris Nadolny
[Redacted] Armidale 2350

PS I'm prepared to make this submission public

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Strategic Plan priorities

The draft State Strategic Plan identifies four strategic priorities to guide Crown land management and inform the ways in which Crown land is used, and the activities, communities and environments it will support. These priorities are:

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More information on these priorities is in section 3.3 of the draft plan (PDF).

Please provide your feedback

13. These are the best priorities for Crown land over the next 10 years.*

Please select:
Strongly agree
Agree
Neutral
Disagree
Strongly disagree

14. Please rate each of the priorities from 'Very important' to 'Not important at all.'
Enable jobs growth, commercial opportunities and sustainable economic progress in regional and rural NSW

Please select:
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Important
Neutral
Of minor importance
Not at all important

Expand green space, sustainable quality of life and climate change resilience

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Strengthen and support evolving community connections

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 Very important
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 Neutral
 Of minor importance
 Not at all important

Work with Aboriginal communities to realise the potential of their land rights

Please select:
 Very important
 Important
 Neutral
 Of minor importance
 Not at all important

Do you believe that any changes should be made to these priorities, or are there any new priorities you would like to suggest?
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New Priorities of Co-management with First Peoples being in charge of the Strategies for Crown Land under a Sovereignty handBack arrangement.

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Strategic Plan outcomes

The draft State Strategic Plan identifies 15 outcomes to focus our practical efforts and enable us to deliver on the priorities of the plan. These 15 outcomes are mapped to the four priorities in the table below:

Priorities	Expand green space, sustainable quality of life and vibrant change, resilience	Strengthen and support evolving community connections	Work with Aboriginal communities to realise the potential of their land rights
Enable jobs growth, commercial opportunities and sustainable economic progress in regions and rural NSW	Expand green space, sustainable quality of life and vibrant change, resilience	Strengthen and support evolving community connections	Work with Aboriginal communities to realise the potential of their land rights

Outcomes	Priorities	Outcomes	Outcomes
Support innovation and sustainable regional industries	Priorities the use of Crown land for green and open space in urban areas	Partner with the organisations that serve our communities	Make Aboriginal land tenures a priority – and see them as an opportunity
Expand regional business	Use Crown land to upgrade access to affordable housing	Strengthen and uplift communities to return a full go	Contribute to the ongoing recognition of native title rights
Attract new sustainable energy, resources and infrastructure projects	Support and restore environmental values on Crown land	Collaborate with Aboriginal groups to build resilience in a changing climate	Explore co-management of land to generate mutual benefits
Facilitate investment on Crown land			

More information on these outcomes is in section 3.2 of the draft plan (PDF).

Please provide your feedback

15. These are the best outcomes for Crown land over the next 10 years *

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Other
If you selected Other, please provide details (1,500 characters):

Contribution Submission to the Draft State Strategic Plan on Crown Land
 Dear NSW Parliament
 I Object as a First Nations Person to the NSW Draft State Strategic Plan being consulted on in its current form.
 It is too restrictive and does not meet the Legal and Community Standards for proper Consultation.
 I Object to the Draft NSW State Strategic Plan for Crown Land because it does not advance the Sovereignty of Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander First Nation Peoples.
 I Object to the Draft NSW State Strategic Plan for Crown Land because it does not advance the Rights of Nature, which is an Integral part of First Nation Custodianship.
 I also repeat the Objections/Views of Wavaley Council that opposes any Draft State Strategic Plan for Crown Land that:
 Fails to enhance Custodianship of Crown Land for First Nations Peoples and fails to increase Biodiversity Protections;
 Encourages an excessive corporate focus likely to lead to privatisation and exploitation;
 Fails to create jobs for First Nation Peoples wishing to express CoManagement and Caring for Country and
 Deprioritises defined budget allocations thereby creating the potential for further cost shifting to Local Councils and Aboriginal Land Councils.
 Thanks, CRDaminioYYKanki.

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12. What uses of Crown land do you value?*
 Please select all that apply:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Open or green space
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Community use
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Aboriginal land rights
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Biodiversity
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jobs and economic growth
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Renewable energy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other

Other
If you selected Other, please provide details (1,500 characters):

CoManagement with Sovereign First Peoples in CoManagement Strategies for Tangible and Intangible Custodianship over Land, Water and Sky.

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Do you believe that any changes should be made to these outcomes or would you like to suggest any other outcomes the department should address in the State Strategic Plan?
 Please provide details (1,500 characters):

Recognition of Sovereignty and First Peoples in charge Strategies for handed back former Crown Land.

Strategic Plan enabling initiatives

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- Make more of our information available and transparent
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Other feedback

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Contribution Submission to the Draft State Strategic Plan on Crown Land

Dear NSW Parliament:

I Object as a First Nations Person to the NSW Draft State Strategic Plan being consulted on in its current form.

It is too restrictive and does not meet the Legal and Community Standard for proper Consultation.

I Object to the Draft NSW State Strategic Plan for Crown Land because it does not advance the Sovereignty of Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander First Nation Peoples.

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I also repeat the Objections/Views of Waverley Council that opposes any Draft State Strategic Plan for Crown Land that

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Fails to create jobs for First Nation Peoples wishing to express Co-Management and Caring for Country; and

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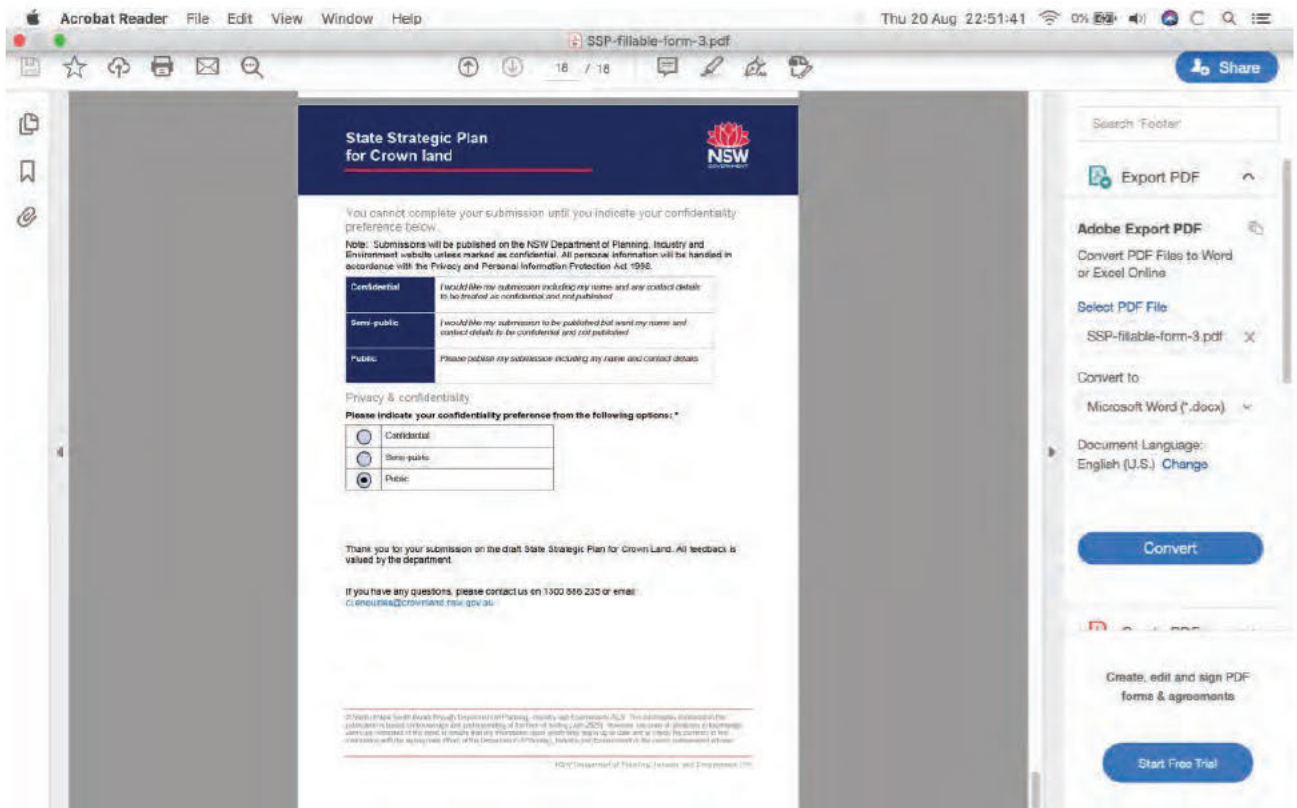
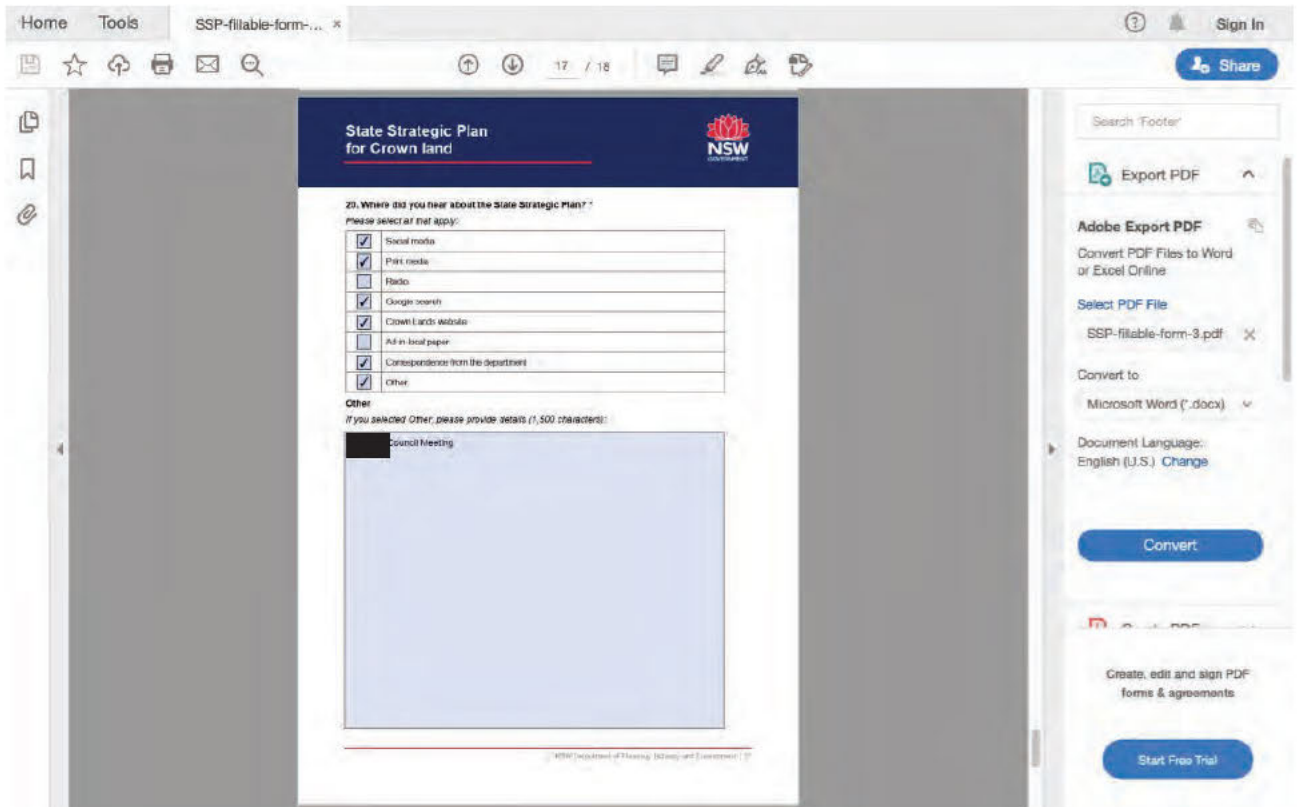
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Please provide your details

1. First name *

Peter

2. Last name *

Wills

4. Are you completing this survey as part of an organisation? *

If 'Yes' is selected, complete details in Q.5

Yes No Prefer not to say

5. Organisation

If you answered 'Yes' to Q.4

Wando Conservation and Cultural Centre Inc

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2382

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Do you believe that any changes should be made to these outcomes or would you like to suggest any other outcomes the department should address in the State Strategic Plan?

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The city-centric nature of the draft Plan is evident in this list of outcomes and the ambiguity and lack of definition

Strategic Plan enabling initiatives

The draft plan identifies seven enabling initiatives to support delivery against the strategic priorities and objectives of the plan. These enablers are:

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Other feedback

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Please select all that apply:

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Please indicate your confidentiality preference from the following options: *

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Thank you for your submission on the draft State Strategic Plan for Crown Land. All feedback is valued by the department.

If you have any questions, please contact us on 1300 886 235 or email cl.enquiries@crowmland.nsw.gov.au



Friends of Grasslands

supporting native grassy ecosystems

web: <http://www.fog.org.au>

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PO Box 2155
DANGAR NSW 2309
Email: cl.enquiries@crownland.nsw.gov.au

Dear Sir/Madam

SSP Crown Land: Draft State Strategic Plan for Crown land

Friends of Grasslands (FOG) is a community group dedicated to the conservation of natural temperate grassy ecosystems in south-eastern Australia. FOG advocates, educates and advises on matters to do with the conservation of grassy ecosystems, and carries out surveys and other on-ground work. FOG is based in Canberra and has many members in surrounding New South Wales. Its members include professional scientists, landowners, land managers and interested members of the public.

FOG has had a long term interest in crown land, including travelling stock reserves, with conservation values in NSW. We provided comments on the *Travelling Stock Reserves and the Crown Lands Review* in 2013, the *Crown Lands Legislation White Paper* in 2014, the *NSW Travelling Stock Reserves – Draft State Planning Framework 2016-2019* in 2015 and the *NSW Travelling Stock Reserve Review* in 2017.

From 1999, in partnership with Snowy Mountains Regional Council, FOG has been involved in the management of Old Cooma Common Grassland Reserve, using our volunteers and obtaining grants to employ professional weeders. More recently FOG successfully applied for a tender to manage Top Hut Travelling Stock Reserve and, in an informal partnership with others several others, other TSRs in the south east region. The primary purpose of our involvement is to manage these Crown lands for their biodiversity values. FOG is also involved in discussions with the NSW Biodiversity Conservation Trust about their interest in managing several TSRs and at least one Crown reserve for their biodiversity values.

Preparation & Consultation Process

The Draft Plan, section 1.1 (p9), indicates “This draft plan has been prepared through research and consultation, including engaging with stakeholders who operate public consultation. on or who are involved with Crown land...”. This raises several issues:

- In the interests of consistency with the first of the listed seven enabling initiatives in Section 4, i.e. to “Make more of our information available and transparent”, inclusion of which specific stakeholders were engaged with in the drafting process and how they were engaged with would give a sense of the representativeness of the process thus far.
- It would be helpful to have transparency around the weighting process that will be or is likely to be applied to the submissions of all stakeholders both individually and as aggregate interest groupings or sectors for analysis purposes.

- Again in the interests of being informative and transparent it would have been helpful to have included at least summary data for each Division (Western, Central, Eastern) of the various Crown land types, usages/values/benefits, and associated estimates of aggregate areas, and tenures/land parcel numbers. This would allow all stakeholders to obtain a sense of the significance of the various land Crown types, usages, values and benefits and to better inform discussion, selection, assessment and decision making around Strategic Plan Priorities and Outcomes.

Travelling Stock Reserves & Biodiversity Conservation Values

It is not clear whether this Plan is meant to encompass Travelling Stock Reserves (TSRs). There is mention of TSRs on page 43 but no other discussion of these important parcels of crown land. While there is now a separate *Travelling Stock Reserves State-wide Plan of Management*, this should at least be referred to in the Plan for Crown Land.

We are somewhat concerned about the statement on page 13 in section 2 that “The range of potential uses mean that there are often competing interests or aspirations for the use of Crown land. Where there are competing claims we aim to resolve them in a way that is fair, equitable and aligned with government priorities. This supports our commitment to manage the land to the greatest benefit to the community of NSW.” While there are legislative requirements that endeavour to protect threatened native flora and fauna species and endangered ecological communities, there are none that protect rare or declining species and ecological communities. Our experience is that retaining and maintaining the conservation values of the habitat of such species and ecological communities is often not seen as a priority and frequently loses out to commercial interests and government development and infrastructure priorities. This also does not take into account the importance to our native species and ecological communities of connectivity between areas of high conservation value. In this regard TSRs are important, but there will be other pieces of Crown land that play a role in habitat connectivity and should be retained for their biodiversity conservation value.

Priorities for Crown Land

In regard to using Crown lands for conservation of landscapes and species (section 3.3 page 42), it is alarming that the only discussion of how this might be done in section 3.3.3 *Support and restore environmental values on Crown land* (page 43) is via offsets. While acknowledging that maintaining conservation values on any site requires resources, FOG has concerns about relying on offset monies to do so. The reason is that an offset means that the conservation values on a site elsewhere are being destroyed, so at the time the offset is done there is a net loss of the relevant species or ecological community across the landscape. While some offsets do result in improvements to the offset area, many in the long term do not, leaving the net loss in the species or ecological community. For example, at the EIANZ National Biodiversity Offsets Conference, 26-28 Aug 2019, Dr Ascelin Gordon from RMIT presented modelling showing that, even if an offset site results in no net loss over 30 years, once considered at the landscape scale there is a net loss in conservation values. As well, offsets can be seen as an easier and cheaper way to go than restoration or similar. If biodiversity conservation is really a government priority as purported in the Draft Plan then surely in the public interest, not only of NSW residents but also the broader Australian population, dedicated ongoing core government funding should be an imperative rather than leaving it the vagaries of the market and the private sector which time and again has demonstrated that it cannot generally be relied upon to value and protect public goods and services. The Draft Plan should also contain ideas and projects that provide better protection for biodiverse Crown lands in the long term, e.g. incentive programs.

We recommend that generally more be said about the importance of Crown lands containing high quality threatened ecological communities and habitat for threatened species and suggest that one or two examples, such as we have referred to, be mentioned.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Geoff Robertson', written over a light grey rectangular background.

Geoff Robertson
President

10 August 2020

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See letter for details

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Very important
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Please select
Strongly agree
Agree
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Strongly disagree

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NSW FOG member

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Activity

Name of Activity

State Strategic Plan for Crown Land

Our Reference:

SSP Crown Land

Please provide your details

1. First name *

Meredith

2. Last name *

Southwood

4. Are you completing this survey as part of an organisation? *

If 'Yes' is selected, complete details in Q.5

Yes No Prefer not to say

5. Organisation

If you answered 'Yes' to Q.4

Greenwich Community Association Inc

6. Postal/street address *

7. Suburb *

Greenwich

8. State *

NSW

9. Postcode *

2065

10. Email *

11. Which of the following options best indicates your current or past use or interest in Crown land in New South Wales? *

Please select all that apply

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Other

Other

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The Greenwich Community Association Inc (GCA) is a community organisation that has provided a forum for over 75 years for Greenwich residents to raise issues of concern around the amenity of the area in which they reside.

Greenwich is adjacent to the St Leonards Crows Nest growth precinct. This is an urban renewal project in an area where there is very little green open space. The population of East Ward of the Lane Cove LGA (of which Greenwich forms part) is likely to increase by at least 10,000 residents in the next 10 years. The population of Greenwich is about 5,000 residents, so the additional 10,000 adjacent residents will place massive strain on infrastructure.

There is already significant pressure on the open space in our area and this will be exacerbated with the huge increase in population, given that developers are not being required to provide within their own developments the open space appropriate to the number of people they will bring to the area.

Parcels of Crown Land in our area are small relative to the size of parcels in Western NSW but they are critical to the physical and mental health of the community.

The GCA is concerned that Councils will seek to appropriate parcels of Crown Land for purposes inconsistent with their original purpose, thereby diminishing even further the open space available to the community.

12. What use/s of Crown land do you value? *

Please select all that apply:

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Community use
<input type="checkbox"/>	Aboriginal land rights
<input type="checkbox"/>	Biodiversity
<input type="checkbox"/>	Jobs and economic growth
<input type="checkbox"/>	Renewable energy
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Please select
Strongly agree
Agree
Neutral
Disagree
Strongly disagree

14. Please rate each of the priorities from 'Very important' to 'Not important at all'.

Enable jobs growth, commercial opportunities and sustainable economic progress in regional and rural NSW.

Please select
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Expand green space, sustainable quality of life and climate change resilience

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It is inappropriate to develop a heirarchy of strategies for the state as a whole.

The strategy appropriate for one parcel will be inappropriate for another eg the value of a small parcel of open space in Greenwich may warrant a different strategy from that appropriate to a huge parcel of land in Western NSW.

The value of each parcel should be assessed in relation to its location and the community needs it serves. Only then can the appropriate strategy be selected.

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Outcomes			
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The comments above in relation to strategies apply to the suggested outcomes.

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Planning for small parcels of Crown Land in areas that lack open space should not be assessed under the same criteria as large parcels in areas that have vast amounts of open space.

The Strategic Plan should have more regard to first identifying the needs of the community in the area in which a parcel of land is located and strategies then tailored to address that need.

A one model fits all is inappropriate.

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Other

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Advice from another special interest group with strong history of advocacy around Crown Land matters.

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Activity

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Please provide your details

1. First name *

Ingrid Elisabeth

2. Last name *

Pottage

4. Are you completing this survey as part of an organisation? *

If 'Yes' is selected, complete details in Q.5

Yes No Prefer not to say

5. Organisation

If you answered 'Yes' to Q.4

6. Postal/street address *

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Dalgety

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2630

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Important

Work with Aboriginal communities to realise the potential of their land rights

Very important

Do you believe that any changes should be made to these priorities, or are there any new priorities you would like to suggest?

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I suggest that crownland looks at the 136 cases in NSW alone where we have no access to our properties even though we pay our rates. I have owned my property since 1988 and there was never an issue. But recently the law was changed in regards to rights over tracks in use over freehold land. Usually there is a paper crown road but it has never been developed due to the topography, drainage with major gullies and heavy terrain. To use the crownroad it is too expensive and dangerous. So commonsense was used and the average of the paper crown roads were used which created the access tracks as shown on maps. In our case times and ownership of adjoining properties changed and we are now trespassing on the track that was always used to access our property. I have had 10 solicitors since 2016 to establish an easement. Each time a rejection where owner won't negotiate because they know that crownland and council have no play in negotiations with freehold land owners.

In our case there were 3 different owners involved and 150 years. Just recently my legal advisor informed me that the title is different than my current title. Various maps starting from 1884 to date and they are all different. My title deeds don't match what the old title reads. All this research costs money. Current maps now six maps do not correspond with maps from 1884. In 1976 my title deed was cancelled at portion 60 this is why there is a gap in the crownroads on current six maps.

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Please provide your details

1. First name *

Jennifer

2. Last name *

Hamilton Langbien

4. Are you completing this survey as part of an organisation? *

If 'Yes' is selected, complete details in Q.5

Yes No Prefer not to say

5. Organisation

If you answered 'Yes' to Q.4

Friends of King Edward Park

6. Postal/street address *

7. Suburb *

The Hill

8. State *

NSW

9. Postcode *

2300

10. Email *

11. Which of the following options best indicates your current or past use or interest in Crown land in New South Wales? *

Please select all that apply

<input type="checkbox"/>	I am a Crown land manager
<input type="checkbox"/>	I am a Showground society manager
<input type="checkbox"/>	I am involved with a community or volunteer group that uses or maintains Crown land facilities
<input type="checkbox"/>	I am a member of a Commonwealth or state peak body with operations on Crown land
<input type="checkbox"/>	I have a lease to use Crown land
<input type="checkbox"/>	I have a licence to use Crown land
<input type="checkbox"/>	I use Crown land for my business
<input type="checkbox"/>	I am an Aboriginal Land claimant over areas of Crown land
<input type="checkbox"/>	I am a Native title claimant over areas of Crown land
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	I use Crown land for recreation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	I use Crown land when travelling away from home or visiting other places
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	I care about Crown land management as a resident of New South Wales
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other

Other

If you selected Other, please provide details (1,500 characters):

Committee member of Friends of King Edward Park for over ten years strongly supporting the rights of the community to public use and enjoyment of recreational Crown Land.

12. What use/s of Crown land do you value? *

Please select all that apply:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Open or green space
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Community use
<input type="checkbox"/>	Aboriginal land rights
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Biodiversity
<input type="checkbox"/>	Jobs and economic growth
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Renewable energy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other

Other

If you selected Other, please provide details (1,500 characters):

Environmental protection
Conservation of natural resources
Intergeneration sustainability
Land and resources sustained in perpetuity

Strategic Plan priorities

The draft State Strategic Plan identifies four strategic priorities to guide Crown land management and inform the ways in which Crown land is used, and the activities, communities and environments it will support. These priorities are:

Priorities			
Enable jobs growth, commercial opportunities and sustainable economic progress in regional and rural NSW	Expand green space, sustainable quality of life and climate change resilience	Strengthen and support evolving community connections	Work with Aboriginal communities to realise the potential of their land rights

More information on these priorities is in [section 3.3 of the draft plan \(PDF\)](#).

Please provide your feedback

13. These are the best priorities for Crown land over the next 10 years. *

Please select

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

14. Please rate each of the priorities from 'Very important' to 'Not important at all'.

Enable jobs growth, commercial opportunities and sustainable economic progress in regional and rural NSW.

Please select

- Very important
- Important
- Neutral
- Of minor importance
- Not at all important

Expand green space, sustainable quality of life and climate change resilience

Please select

- Very important
- Important
- Neutral
- Of minor importance
- Not at all important

Strengthen and support evolving community connections

Please select
Very important
Important
Neutral
Of minor importance
Not at all important

Work with Aboriginal communities to realise the potential of their land rights

Please select
Very important
Important
Neutral
Of minor importance
Not at all important

Do you believe that any changes should be made to these priorities, or are there any new priorities you would like to suggest?

Please provide details (1,500 characters):

I believe these draft SSP priorities should be suspended. Draft priorities fail to prioritise the enhancement of environmental values; encouragement of public use and enjoyment; sustainment in perpetuity and the best interests of the principles of Crown Land Management. The spirit of the principles of CLM is NOT for economic development, privatisation, low cost housing or creating jobs.

Strategic Plan outcomes

The draft State Strategic Plan identifies 15 outcomes to focus our practical efforts and enable us to deliver on the priorities of the plan. These 15 outcomes are mapped to the four priorities in the table below:

Priorities			
Enable jobs growth, commercial opportunities and sustainable economic progress in regional and rural NSW	Expand green space, sustainable quality of life and climate change resilience	Strengthen and support evolving community connections	Work with Aboriginal communities to realise the potential of their land rights

Outcomes			
Support innovative and sustainable regional industries	Prioritise the use of Crown land for green and open space in urban areas	Sustain the places where people come together	Make Aboriginal land transfers a priority – and see them as an opportunity
Expand regional tourism	Use Crown land to expand access to affordable housing	Partner with the organisations that serve our communities	Contribute to the ongoing recognition of native title rights
Assist new sustainable energy, resources and infrastructure projects	Support and restore environmental values on Crown land	Strengthen and uphold compliance to ensure a fair go	Explore co-management of land to generate mutual benefits
Facilitate investment on Crown land	Manage Crown land to build resilience in a changing climate		Collaborate with Aboriginal groups in each place to improve outcomes

More information on these outcomes is in [section 3.3 of the draft plan \(PDF\)](#).

Please provide your feedback

15. These are the best outcomes for Crown land over the next 10 years. *

Please select
Strongly agree
Agree
Neutral
Disagree
Strongly disagree

16. Please rate each of the outcomes from 'Very important' to 'Not at all important'.

Support innovative and sustainable regional industries

Please select
Very important
Important
Neutral
Of minor importance
Not at all important

Expand regional tourism

Please select
Very important
Important
Neutral
Of minor importance
Not at all important

Assist new sustainable energy, resources and infrastructure projects

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Facilitate investment on Crown land

Please select
Very important
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Of minor importance
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Prioritise the use of Crown land for green and open space in urban areas

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Use Crown land to expand access to affordable housing

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Support and restore environmental values on Crown land

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Neutral
Of minor importance
Not at all important

Manage Crown land to build resilience in a changing climate

Please select
Very important
Important
Neutral
Of minor importance
Not at all important

Sustain the places where people come together

Please select
Very important
Important
Neutral
Of minor importance
Not at all important

Partner with the organisations that serve our communities

Please select
Very important
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Neutral
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Not at all important

Strengthen and uphold compliance to ensure a fair go

Please select
Very important
Important
Neutral
Of minor importance
Not at all important

Make Aboriginal land transfers a priority – and see them as an opportunity

Please select
Very important
Important
Neutral
Of minor importance
Not at all important

Contribute to the ongoing recognition of native title rights

Please select
Very important
Important
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Of minor importance
Not at all important

Explore co-management of land to generate mutual benefits

Please select
Very important
Important
Neutral
Of minor importance
Not at all important

Collaborate with Aboriginal groups in each place to improve outcomes

Please select
Very important
Important
Neutral
Of minor importance
Not at all important

Do you believe that any changes should be made to these outcomes or would you like to suggest any other outcomes the department should address in the State Strategic Plan?

Please provide details (1,500 characters):

Yes changes are required to outcomes.

I disagree with the first two priorities and outcomes which don't support conservation and protection of the the natural environment. They are at odds with other outcomes. It is unclear what weight commercial and economic growth has on supporting and restoring environmental values on Crown Land.

A definition of green space is required.

Conservation assets like Travelling Stock Reserves are critical to retain threatened species and vegetated remnants.

Strategic Plan enabling initiatives

The draft plan identifies seven enabling initiatives to support delivery against the strategic priorities and objectives of the plan. These enablers are:

- Make more of our information available and transparent
- Standardise leases and licensing for common activities
- Simplify licencing for domestic waterfront structures
- Reduce red tape for government entities managing Crown land
- Provide tools and resources to volunteer Crown land managers
- Build understanding of native title
- Engage and support a new generation of Crown land managers

More information on these enablers is in [section 4 of the draft plan \(PDF\)](#).

Please provide your feedback

17. These are the best enablers to support delivery of the plan. *

Please select
Strongly agree
Agree
Neutral
Disagree
Strongly disagree

18. Please rate each of the enablers from 'Very important' to 'Not at all important'.

Make more of our information available and transparent

Please select
Very important
Important
Neutral
Of minor importance
Not at all important

Standardise leases and licensing for common activities

Please select
Very important
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Simplify licensing for domestic waterfront structures

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Reduce red tape for government entities managing Crown land

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Provide tools and resources to volunteer Crown land managers

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Build understanding of native title

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Engage and support a new generation of Crown land managers

Please select
Very important
Important
Neutral
Of minor importance
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Do you believe that any changes should be made to these enabling initiatives, or are there any other enabling initiatives you would like to suggest?

Please provide details (1,500 characters):

I believe several enabling initiatives are not appropriate.

All leasing and sale of Crown Land must be done through proper notification processes and public tender. I don't agree with standardisation.

The recommendation's of the Auditor General's Report which exposed the misappropriation of Crown Land and dubious leases is pertinent. Department of Land accepted the recommendations so what is the process that has been followed?

I am wary of red tape reduction as due process and assessment vitally important to prevent damage to important environments.

Other feedback

19. Please provide any other comments about the draft State Strategic Plan for Crown land.

Please provide details (1,500 characters):

Before any draft SSP can be made there must be an audit of Crown Land. This should have been implemented before the SSP was made public.

If Crown Land is to be sold there MUST be opportunity for public consultation.

20. Where did you hear about the State Strategic Plan? *

Please select all that apply:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Social media
<input type="checkbox"/>	Print media
<input type="checkbox"/>	Radio
<input type="checkbox"/>	Google search
<input type="checkbox"/>	Crown Lands website
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ad in local paper
<input type="checkbox"/>	Correspondence from the department
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other

Other

If you selected Other, please provide details (1,500 characters):

I was informed at a Committee meeting of the Friends of King Edward Park. Otherwise I would have been unaware of the draft strategy despite having attended previous Crown Land seminar at Newcastle Town Hall a year or so ago.

You cannot complete your submission until you indicate your confidentiality preference below.

Note: Submissions will be published on the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment website unless marked as confidential. All personal information will be handled in accordance with the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998.

Confidential	<i>I would like my submission including my name and any contact details to be treated as confidential and not published</i>
Semi-public	<i>I would like my submission to be published but want my name and contact details to be confidential and not published</i>
Public	<i>Please publish my submission including my name and contact details</i>

Privacy & confidentiality

Please indicate your confidentiality preference from the following options: *

<input type="radio"/>	Confidential
<input type="radio"/>	Semi-public
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	Public

Thank you for your submission on the draft State Strategic Plan for Crown Land. All feedback is valued by the department.

If you have any questions, please contact us on 1300 886 235 or email cl.enquiries@crowmland.nsw.gov.au



Submission on the Draft State Strategic Plan for Crown Lands

The Kangaroo Management Taskforce (KMT) thanks you for the opportunity to comment on the *Draft State Strategic Plan for Crown Lands*. The KMT was formed in September 2016 after Western Local Land Services and the Western Lands Advisory Committee hosted a kangaroo management workshop in Cobar in recognition that kangaroo populations were increasing significantly at that time, and concerns about the negative outcomes this would have for landscapes, sustainable production and the welfare of kangaroos themselves once drought occurred. Unfortunately, all of those concerns were realised in the devastating drought that gripped the state in the subsequent years. The KMT has broad stakeholder representation from relevant agencies, Aboriginal communities, animal welfare, landholders and industry and has been working together for the past for years to develop informed and collaborative approaches to improving kangaroo management.

In the first place, the KMT congratulates you on the development of your *Draft State Strategic Plan for Crown Lands* for NSW but feels that the Plan somewhat overlooks the opportunity to extend the strategic process to the 85 per cent of Crown Lands that is under perpetual lease in the Western Division. Those lands are mostly used for grazing in addition to cropping, mining and renewable energy generation. After the initial reference to this fact early on, the rest of this Plan seems to focus on urban/coastal issues and barely refers to the vast tracts of Crown Land under perpetual lease in Western NSW. The Kangaroo Management Taskforce feels that in this sense the Plan misses a major opportunity to identify how Crown Lands could be working with perpetual leaseholders to address some of the key objectives of this strategy, in particular the first objective to: *enable jobs growth, commercial opportunities and sustainable economic progress in regional and rural NSW*.

As stated on Page 27 of the Plan "the world is changing at a rapid pace, it brings into focus the need for optimising public land for multiple benefits that deliver tangible outcomes for the economy, the environment and our social wellbeing. There is a huge need and the public assets have the capacity to make a major contribution against these criteria." The Crown Lands held under perpetual lease in the Western Division of NSW should be included in the development of strategies, particularly as they are mostly being used to produce food and fibre for a growing global population and the capacity of these landscapes to continue being healthy and productive is very much linked to their management.

A vast majority of perpetual leases in Western NSW are rangeland pastoral properties, which involves grazing on native pastures with some cropping, mining and energy production as mentioned. Like all perpetual leaseholders, rangeland pastoralists manage their land according to their Western Lands Lease conditions and, if managed well, there is potential to maintain or improve biodiversity in those landscapes at the same time as running successful production enterprises. The main tool for managing these areas is through controlling grazing pressure and providing crucial periods of rest to allow perennial grasses to recover. If done well this can provide enormous ecosystem services through retaining groundcover, improving habitat and biodiversity, sequestering carbon in soils and reducing susceptibility to erosion and dust storms. It can be a win-

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win situation where land managers are improving the environment whilst also getting an economic return through producing food and fibre.

On the other hand, overgrazing and failing to provide rest to such areas can result in serious land degradation and significantly impact both agricultural sustainability and biodiversity in the long term. The NSW rangeland region includes some severely degraded rangelands but there is vast potential to reverse this trend and regenerate these regions through increased implementation of sustainable grazing management approaches, but such an approach would involve managing both domestic stock and unmanaged herbivores such as goats and kangaroos.

Recent research has demonstrated that grazing from unmanaged herbivores like overabundant kangaroos and unmanaged rangeland goats can contribute as much as 50% to grazing pressure on properties (100% on national parks and reserves) and this poses a significant threat to the ability of land managers to maintain or regenerate the health of landscapes. Mobile and unmanaged herbivores also limit the opportunity to provide crucial rest to pastures allowing them to recover and regenerate. Whilst land managers have been able to capitalise in recent decades on a growing global demand for goat products which provides financial incentive to land managers to remove goats, or manage them within their production system, kangaroos are a different matter.

Kangaroos are native, and they belong in the environment, but since colonisation and the introduction of pastoralism which included: the control of predation from dingoes and wild dogs; a reduction in Aboriginal hunting; and a proliferation of artificial watering points, populations of some kangaroo species have increased significantly. Kangaroos are one of the most abundant large mammal species in the world and they are one of the few native species that can be commercially harvested in Australia. However, in recent years kangaroo harvest takes have been low and do not provide relief to pastoralists for the grazing pressure that comes from millions of kangaroos. Kangaroo numbers in Western NSW consistently outnumber the combined number of all domestic livestock, irrespective of seasonal conditions, contributing significantly to the severity of total grazing pressure impacts. This leads to many pastoralists needing to obtain permits to "cull" kangaroos as pests to reduce competition with domestic stock and damage to landscapes through overgrazing.

Many landholders in Western NSW claim that kangaroos sent them into the most recent drought six to nine months earlier than necessary. As pastures decline, landholders can move to hand-feeding their domestic livestock, move them out of paddocks to try and provide crucial rest for pastures or even sell or relocate their livestock to agistment properties elsewhere. They don't have the same tools to manage the grazing from overabundant kangaroos. Landholders state that although they may be subject to animal cruelty prosecution if they neglected the welfare of their livestock, they are left to watch hundreds, or thousands of kangaroos slowly starve to death when pastures are completely depleted. Some are comparing the devastation wreaked by overabundant kangaroos to that caused by introduced rabbits from the mid-1800s to the 1950s when myxomatosis was introduced and finally offered some relief.

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The Kangaroo Management Taskforce contends that it is beyond the ability or responsibility of perpetual leaseholders in Western NSW to manage the impacts of large kangaroo populations on their own to help achieve the outcome stated in the *Draft Strategic Plan for Crown Lands* of supporting resilient, sustainable and prosperous communities in NSW. However, Taskforce believes there is a significant opportunity to work together to develop kangaroo management strategies which to support those land managers on the 85% of Crown Lands with perpetual leases of Western NSW to help achieve this Crown Lands objective of resilience, sustainability and prosperity.

Recommendation

That the *State Strategic Plan for Crown Lands* includes a Strategy or Action that recognises and supports the role of the perpetual lease holders of the Western Division in contributing to the overall goals for Crown Lands in NSW.

Yours sincerely

Fiona Garland
On behalf of the Kangaroo Management Taskforce

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Draft State Strategic Plan for Crown Land

To whom it may concern,

Mindaribba Local Aboriginal Land Council (**LALC**) welcomes the opportunity to provide comment on the draft State Strategic Plan for Crown Land (**draft plan**). As one of 120 Local Aboriginal Land Councils (**LALCs**) across NSW, we represent a collective membership of over 23,000 Aboriginal people in our State.

The *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983 (NSW) (ALRA)* was enacted by the NSW Parliament to facilitate the return of land in NSW to Aboriginal peoples to go some way to redress the injustices of dispossession. In the Second Reading Speech for the ALRA, the then Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, stated *'...that land rights for Aboriginal people is the most fundamental initiative to be taken for the regeneration of Aboriginal culture and dignity, and at the same time it lays the basis for a self-reliant and more secure economic future for our continent's Aboriginal custodians...'*

It is positive that the draft plan:

- Recognises Aboriginal Land Rights as key to achieving the social, cultural, economic and environmental objectives of the *Crown Land Management Act 2016*, and
- Includes, as a key priority, working with Aboriginal communities to realise the potential of Aboriginal Land Rights.

We note the draft plan commits the government to seeking new ways of working with Aboriginal people that recognise Aboriginal people's legal rights, wisdom and contribution. This includes:

- Making Aboriginal land transfers a priority and seeing them as an opportunity
- Contributing to the ongoing recognition of Native Title rights
- Exploring co-management of land to generate mutual benefits
- Collaborating with Aboriginal groups in each place to improve outcomes

While these proposals are supported, there are opportunities to further improve the draft plan to ensure stronger action and alignment by government to support social, cultural and economic outcomes from Aboriginal Land

Rights. Working to achieve Aboriginal Land Rights outcomes must be a focus of all Crown land initiatives, not limited to those under the 'Working with Aboriginal communities' proposal. Furthermore, Aboriginal Land Rights must be seen as a public outcome itself and also a way to deliver broader public outcomes, including jobs growth, sustainable economic progress, stronger community connections and climate change resilience, to name a few.

The draft plan could be improved by supporting additional measures to support Aboriginal Land Rights. Opportunities to support land justice for Aboriginal people and deliver the outcomes intended from the ALRA and deliver on the other priorities in the draft Strategic plan, include working with Aboriginal Land Councils to:

- stimulate local and regional economies through economic development and tourism initiatives
- support residential housing developments
- address food supply and food security issues in regional remote towns
- provide jobs and training opportunities for Aboriginal Peoples in the holistic decision making and management of crown and other public lands
- strengthen community connections
- protect and promote Aboriginal cultural heritage
- explore sustainable energy and land management opportunities
- supporting marine aquaculture
- contribute to environmental protection and climate change resilience
- support, encourage and strengthen Aboriginal Peoples connections with local river systems from the headwaters and tributaries to the oceans. Encourage greater use, economic development and growth in this space.

Mindaribba LALC is currently pursuing an equal seat at the table in the management of Crown Land from within the 6 Local Government Agencies areas that the boundaries of Mindaribba (LALC) sit within; Maitland, Cessnock, Singleton, Dungog, Port Stephens and Newcastle. Crown Land Management by LGA's was not meant to be set up as a second wave land grab, but has been identified even recently by a Mayor and staff within more than 2 of these LGAs as "we now own" when it comes to discussion around these lands that they are to create plans of management for. Furthermore, the Mindaribba LALC is struggling within these 6 LGAs to have our lands identified in a way we see fit for future use and purpose. Instead having our lands identified as environmental or as green and blue squares, therefore denying us the ability to gain any future potential through economic development as the new LEPs need environmental space. Mindaribba LALC does not want the total annihilation of green spaces, we seek balance and we seek to control the way balance is made available to us and for the benefit of the broader community. We call on the NSW government to recognise and support the important contribution that the Land Rights Network is making to the NSW community, economy and environment.

Government should partner with Aboriginal Land Councils to achieve outcomes across all of the Crown land initiatives in the Strategic Plan, not just those specifically relating to Aboriginal peoples. Local Councils need to lose the rhetoric that *Aboriginal people seek only protection of environment and culture and heritage*. Aboriginal People are living in these neo-colonial times just as the broader community is however we are the only group forced to sit in a colonial space. The only path forward is to create robust, sustainable economic business choices in relation to our lands that then support the economic, social, cultural and emotional wellbeing of our communities. We are capable of being self-determining and making worthy and educated decisions in these spaces, our biggest hurdle is that government will not let us sit at the table as equals. In fact, we are refused places at those tables so that spaces are available for our non-Aboriginal competitors (developers getting the last bang out of their land grabbing buck before the legislation forces them to preserve the environment). This is not good enough.

In relation to co-management of Crown land, currently opportunities vary considerably across the state, often depending upon the personal opinion or preference of individuals and regional government staff or a particular local government's willingness to engage with Local Aboriginal Land Councils. The draft plan refers to developing material on local council's obligations under Native Title. We would like to work with the Department to develop a similar suite of resources for Local Councils in relation to land rights to facilitate more improved approaches, and promote opportunities to work together. On a local level the lack of Due Diligence in local planning approvals sees the continual non-recording and decimation of cultural relics and sites. This non-recording and decimation leads to the whitewash of 80,000 years of connection to these places; with Local Government Agencies using sections of the State Authorities legislation to be protected behind, this is shameful.

In a very close second to this shame and a space that needs to change, is the powers Local Governments now have under Crown Land Management, Crown Land Management Plans need to be created hand in hand with Aboriginal Peoples, if one group MUST be a leader, First Nations Peoples should be the ones leading. We seek to work with council to conserve protect and utilise into the future, and Local Aboriginal Land Councils have both the desire and the capacity to deliver what is needed to maintain these spaces. These management plans should be a true partnership that supports the rights underpinned in the ALRA and the Federal National Agreement on Closing The Gap July 2020 ensuring the growth of Aboriginal communities not the demise of them through a new era of taking. This and more can be done to promote positive interactions between, & outcomes from land rights and native title regimes.

Additionally, we seek further engagement on a number of proposed initiatives outlined in the plan. As currently drafted, we are concerned that some initiatives may undermine Aboriginal land rights and reduce the amount of

land available for land claims and Aboriginal Land Agreements, for example, proposals to:

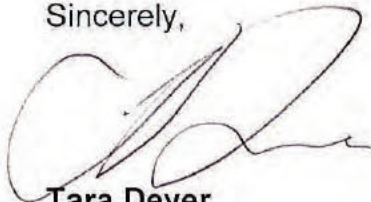
- Increase security of tenure for leaseholders
- Create a framework to assess and prioritise proposals
- Prioritise the use of Crown land for green and open space in urban areas
- Reduce red tape for government entities managing Crown land

Finally, the draft plan could be further improved by including more specific actions / KPIs in relation to the outcomes under each of the four priority areas to improve accountability.

The Mindaribba LALC believes that this process has not been workshopped enough with the Aboriginal Community and addressing the need for further engagement in these spaces would allow for that to happen.

We would like to work in genuine partnership with the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) to develop practical measures that will help achieve social, cultural and economic outcomes for Aboriginal peoples and the broader community. We trust that the issues raised in this letter will be addressed and we look forward to working in partnership with government to deliver land rights. Should you require further information regarding the content of this letter please contact Tara Dever at Mindaribba Local Aboriginal Land Council, [REDACTED]

Sincerely,



Tara Dever
Chief Executive Officer
Mindaribba LALC

20th August 2020

From: cl.enquiries@crowland.nsw.gov.au
To: [Tara Dever](#)
Subject: Your submission: State Strategic Plan for Crown Land
Date: Thursday, 20 August 2020 10:56:03 PM

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your submission on the draft State Strategic Plan for Crown Land.

All feedback is valued by the department.

If you have any questions please contact us on 1300 886 235 or email cl.enquiries@crowland.nsw.gov.au

A copy of your submission is included below for your reference.

Activity

Name of Activity: State Strategic Plan for Crown Land

Our Reference:: SSP Crown Land

Please provide your details

1. First name: Tara
2. Last name: Dever

4. Are you completing this survey as part of an organisation? Yes

5. Organisation: Mindaribba Local Aboriginal Land Council

6. Postal/street address:

7. Suburb: East Maitland

8. State: NSW

9. Postcode: 2323

10. Email:

Please provide your feedback

11. Which of the following options best indicates your current or past use or interest

I am involved with a community or volunteer group that uses or maintains Crown land facilities, I am a member of a Commonwealth or state peak body with operations on Crown land, I use Crown land for my business, I am an Aboriginal Land claimant over areas of Crown land, I use Crown land for recreation, I use Crown land when travelling away from home or

in Crown land visiting other places, I care about Crown land management as a resident of
in New South New South Wales, Other
Wales?:

Other: I am a member of the NSW Aboriginal Land Rights Movement

12. What
use/s of
Crown land Aboriginal land rights, Other
do you
value?:

Other: I support Open green spaces, community use, Biodiversity, jobs and
economic growth and renewable energy when led through and by First
Nations Peoples of NSW.

Please provide your feedback

13. These are
the best
priorities for
Crown land Agree
over the next
10 years.:

14. Please rate each of the priorities from 'Very important' to 'Not important at all'.

Enable jobs
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and
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economic
progress in
regional and
rural NSW.:

Expand green
space,
sustainable
quality of life Important
and climate
change
resilience:

Strengthen
and support
evolving Important
community
connections:

Work with
Aboriginal
communities
to realise the Very important
potential of
their land
rights:

Do you I believe that these priorities are all important but also that all priorities
can be met by allowing Aboriginal Peoples to lead the way in all spaces

believe that any changes should be made to these priorities, or are there any new priorities, you would like to suggest?:

including jobs growth, commercial opportunities, sustainable economic progress in regional and rural NSW - Aboriginal People can lead this. Aboriginal People can also lead - the expansion, sustainable quality of life and climate change resilience priority, we have the capacity to do this. We know how to strengthen and support evolving community connections, we are humble but we are strong and we have championed relationship building with NEW Australians for 250 years. Let us lead and the path will be embracing not diversity. Crown Lands need to understand that working in the true spirit of the ALRA to release potential for Aboriginal Communities includes working with Aboriginal Communities in all of the other priority areas.

Please provide your feedback

15. These are the best outcomes for Crown land over the next 10 years.: Strongly agree

16. Please rate each of the outcomes from 'Very important' to 'Not at all important'.

Support innovative and sustainable regional industries: Very important

Expand regional tourism: Very important

Assist new sustainable energy, resources and infrastructure projects: Very important

Facilitate investment on Crown land: Very important

Prioritise the use of Crown land for green and open space in urban areas: Important

Use Crown land to expand access to affordable housing: Very important

Support and restore environmental values on: Important

Crown land:
Manage
Crown land to
build resilience in a
changing climate: Very important

Sustain the
places where
people come
together: Very important

Partner with
the
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Make
Aboriginal
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opportunity: Very important

Contribute to
the ongoing
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native title
rights: Important

Explore co-
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of land to
generate
mutual
benefits: Very important

Collaborate
with
Aboriginal
groups in each
place to
improve
outcomes: Very important

Do you
believe that
any changes
should be
made to these
outcomes or

would you like to suggest any other outcomes the department should address in the State Strategic Plan?:

Determine the Native Title status of crown lands before release of titles to LALCs

Please provide your feedback

17. These are the best enablers to support delivery of the plan.:

Agree

18. Please rate each of the enablers from 'Very important' to 'Not at all important'.

Make more of our information available and transparent: Important

Standardise leases and licensing for common activities: Of minor importance

Simplify licensing for domestic waterfront structures: Of minor importance

Reduce red tape for government entities managing Crown land: Neutral

Provide tools and resources to volunteer Crown land managers: Neutral

Build understanding of native title: Very important

Engage and support a new generation of Crown land managers: Very important

Do you believe that any changes should be made to these enabling initiatives, or are there any other enabling initiatives you would like to suggest?:

Make Aboriginal Peoples the Crown Land Managers, provide the funds to manage it and enforce other non-Aboriginal bodies to work with Aboriginal Peoples.

Other feedback

19. Please provide any other

I would have liked more workshops, and the ability to provide more feedback. I would also have liked to have received copies of the information people shared in the workshop I attended. This was something I requested at the workshop but it was not forthcoming.

State Strategic Plan for Crown land.:

20. Where did you hear

about the State Strategic Plan?: Social media, Correspondence from the department, Other

Other:

The Crown Lands Commissioner sent an email with the link and the NSWALC then also sent an email with the link. I registered through Facebook. I did not receive anything from Crown Lands until after I registered through Facebook.

Privacy & confidentiality

Please indicate your confidentiality preference from the following options::

Public

Enquiries to: Ross Harris
Direct Line: [REDACTED]
Email: [REDACTED]
Reference: FILE



20 August 2020

Department of Planning, Industry &
Environment – Crown Land
PO Box 2155
DANGAR NSW 2309

Via email cl.enquiries@crowland.nsw.gov.au

Dear Sir/Madam

Draft State Strategic Plan for Crown Land

Moree Plains Shire Council (Council) welcomes the opportunity to provide feedback on the draft Strategic Plan for Crown Land.

Council consents to these comments being published on your website or in any relevant reports, with Council identified as respondent if appropriate.

Generally, Council is supportive of development of a State Strategic Plan for Crown Land, to provide clear direction and accountabilities for this public resource. The draft plan as provided is, however, considered to be deficient in detail and a further review and consultation process is strongly requested prior to any action towards adoption.

Summary

- Moree Plains Shire Council is supportive of development of a Strategic Plan of Management for Crown Land. The current draft is not supported as a suitable plan for the management of Crown land for the next decade.
- The plan lacks formal identification of Local Government as strategic partner/stakeholder
- It fails to connect with current Crown land legislation
- It does not recognise prior extensive public consultation and direction provided in the "Crown Land Review".
- Substantial changes to Crown land management provided in the Crown Land Management Act, 2016 are still in transition. The plan does not recognise these arrangements/changes.
- The plan proposes proceeding with concepts and directions which are still being trialled in the "Land Negotiation Program" without any reference to the program and without awaiting the outcome of the "independent review" which is yet to be finalised.

- The plan does not make provision for ongoing support to fundamental Crown Land administrative responsibilities.
- Expedition of 38,000 unresolved Aboriginal land claims will generate significant cost burden on Councils and other authorities.
- The limiting effects of Aboriginal Land Claim and Native Title legislation on the potential success of this plan are hugely understated.
- Enhanced support for Crown Land Managers is welcomed
- Development opportunities on appropriate Crown land are supported, but must adhere to Planning and regulatory requirements.
- Licencing and leasing provisions should recognise existing legislation and subsequent relationship arrangements with Local Government

Role of Local Government

Of particular concern is that despite assurances (provided in supporting documentation and during the explanatory Webinar) that local government is a valued stakeholder in Crown land management, there is little indication of this role in the draft plan. A statement such as *“For example, many local government councils manage Crown land within their council areas”* is not indicative of the complex and broad relationships councils have with Crown land, particularly since the changes introduced in the Crown Land Management Act, 2016. Furthermore, the principles and requirements of this legislation, developed after much public consultation and investigation involved in the “Crown Land Review”, are not well represented in the draft Plan.

The substantial changes brought about by the Crown Land Management Act, 2016, particularly the transition of management of Crown land by councils to be under the Local Government Act, 1993 is not recognised in the Plan. This transition has not yet been finalised. Development and approval of plans of management are still evolving. The draft Strategic Plan does not identify this current situation, nor any of the legislative arrangements, restrictions, or opportunities involved.

Administration and delays

Further concern for local government as a stakeholder is the absence of commitment in the Plan to the basic administrative and legislative responsibilities of the department. Council is concerned that existing administrative delays experienced in fundamental dealings such as licences, roads administration, reserves matters, approvals etc will be exacerbated by a reduction in support to these activities due to funding resources being redirected to the key areas identified in the Strategic Plan.

The commitment in chapter 3.2 to continuation of “existing work” identifies asset management, it does not indicate administrative responsibilities.

Unresolved Aboriginal Land Claims

The “Land Negotiation Program” (LNP) identified the significance of local government in addressing allocation of Crown land as a stakeholder, particularly with regard to addressing Aboriginal interests. There has been no feedback from this experiment, with advice only that the NSW Government is currently undertaking an independent review of the program. The draft Strategic Plan involves many of the concepts of land allocation and negotiation with Aboriginal groups, however it does not indicate any recognition of, or reference to the LNP. To advance these principles without consideration of the outcomes of the LNP would either be without the benefits of as yet unidentified values provided by the experiment, or worse, to inadvertently expand adoption of any failures the process may identify.

Council is generally supportive of addressing the backlog of Aboriginal land claims, however there are potential consequences and outcome expectations that must be considered.

- There are currently some 900 unresolved claims within Moree Plains Shire.
- The resources required to provide valid evidence in response to expedited investigation of these claims would be a significant burden on council, as well as organisations such as the Local Land Services.
- Failure to fully consider these matters and provide evidence could result in inadvertent loss of community assets (roads, bridges) or access continuity on otherwise claimable lands, which may not otherwise appear in a desktop investigation of existing lawful occupations.
- Granted land cannot be subsequently compulsorily acquired (section 42B) to reclaim any unidentified council infrastructure or interest.
- Negotiations to generate beneficial outcomes of expedited claim investigations would require further additional resources for councils which are not currently funded.
- Being within an undetermined Native Title claim area, any claims granted for which an approved determination of Native Title has not occurred cannot be dealt with by the successful claimant Aboriginal Land Council (Section 42 Aboriginal Land Rights Act, 1983). Irrespective of any negotiations between parties, granted land cannot generally be made available for general community benefit or development potential.

Therefore, the expedited resolution of the backlog of Aboriginal land claims is likely to generate a substantial (currently unfunded) resource demand on councils. Where Native Title remains undetermined, land dealings to generate public benefit outcomes (including ILUA), cannot occur. There is a risk of substantial community costs, with only minor community benefits.

Volunteer Groups

Council welcomes support for volunteer groups, as well as other Crown reserve managers, however this support needs to involve availability of funding to enable commitment of managers to long term strategic asset planning. Current ad hoc grant funding arrangements are not satisfactory and require an overhaul.

Community volunteers are an invaluable resource for Crown land management. Attraction of a new generation of volunteers will require a substantial commitment to demonstration of support to current managers in the first instance. This support needs to recognise, connect with, and be applicable to, the diverse nature of reserves and their individual managers. Simple provision of tools and access to resources will not maintain or attract new members to this highly valuable management resource.

Commercial Returns

Council notes the intention that commercial returns be obtained from Crown land, but emphasises that affordability must be maintained for not-for-profits. Further, Crown land should not be exempt from the Planning legislation.

Council supports:-

- Land being available for infrastructure and resource projects. Crown land availability and support for opportunities in conjunction with the Inland Rail project, special activation precincts and associated infrastructure is timely in this regard.
- Economic development for regional and rural NSW is an appropriate use of Crown land

However, council is concerned that intentions to overcome “regulatory barriers”, “cut red tape” and “deal expeditiously” with matters may disregard checks and balances which are in place to ensure accountabilities and public interests. Planning legislation and other regulatory requirements are not in place as impediments to

progress, but structure to ensure appropriate development. Therefore, it should be the Plan's intentions to ensure efficient and effective compliance with regulatory requirements, as opposed to overcoming them.

Affordable Housing

The proposals for more affordable housing/manufactured housing in regional areas is a matter where significant issues will need to be considered and consultation undertaken with local government to ensure, not only regulatory compliance, but appropriate planning and community interests are adhered to. This includes consistency with Council's planning frameworks as set out in Council's Local Strategic Planning Statement and strong consideration of servicing costs and viability.

Leases and Licences

A standardised approach to leases and licences is strongly supported, however Council questions the intentions of section 4.2.3 regarding licencing arrangements and approvals for local government councils. Under provisions of the Crown Land Management Act, 2016, councils manage Crown land under the provisions of the Local Government Act, 1993. The examples provided in this section (easements, water and sewer, amenities blocks etc) are not applicable to licencing, and the requirements for Land Owner's Consent are applicable to any development proposal under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979*. (EPAA). Legal advice should be sought regarding how any "blanket permission" might operate, or whether amendments to the EPAA should occur.

Biodiversity

The use of Crown land for offset credits under Biodiversity legislation is strongly supported, due to the lack of credits in the market place and the associated negative impacts on development.

Culture

Council recognises the benefits of a new approach to management that is more straight forward, and acknowledges and agrees that this will need a culture change.

What land is actually available?

The draft Strategic Plan for Crown Land identifies a multitude of opportunities for Crown land to be made available, developed, reserved and maintained for public and environmental purposes, to develop industry and employment, energy production and to provide for new tourism and housing opportunities.

A fundamental question is - What Crown land?

The existence of 38,000 unresolved Aboriginal land claims indicates a substantial area of the Crown estate which is not available for these proposals. Resolution of these claims does not necessarily make this land available, nor does it preclude the relodgement of a further 38,000 new claims over the same Crown lands.

Community demands over the past two centuries have generally addressed the alienation, reservation, or occupation of available Crown land of value. There are relatively very few areas of valuable Crown land which are not lawfully occupied or that are specifically identified for an essential public purpose, which are available and awaiting an opportunity as suggested. Inherently, lands with unrealised opportunity are most likely claimed and by their nature are claimable.

In this regard it is a fundamental necessity to identify what the current nature of Crown land is, and what land is actually available for the many proposals identified in the plan.

Conclusion

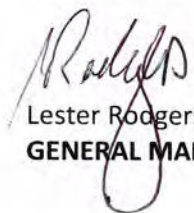
It is recognised that adoption of a Strategic Plan is a requirement of the Crown Land Management Act, 2016. However, if such a plan is to be adopted, and particularly if it is to be the basis of management for the next decade, it needs to be realistic, achievable and a lawful base upon which resource allocation, and holistic management direction can be practically applied for the benefit of the whole NSW community.

The Strategic Plan needs to start with a clear understanding of its assets and their real potential, limitations and opportunities. On that basis, genuine targets can be set, funding resourcing applied, holistic management realized and achievements reported.

This draft plan provides an unrealistic understanding of the Crown Estate and its potential. It proposes to achieve outcomes in less than ten years which have been unattainable in 37 years. It proposes great opportunities and outcomes without identifying actual available lands, or an understanding of complying legislative requirements.

The development of an effective Strategic Plan of Crown Land requires further consultation with stakeholders, as well as a revue of both the actual lands available for the proposals identified and the real likelihood of achieving outcomes. Guidance for negotiations and outcomes regarding Aboriginal interests and entitlements needs to be obtained and demonstrated from the results and review of the Land Negotiation Program.

Yours faithfully



Lester Rodgers
GENERAL MANAGER

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Activity

Name of Activity

State Strategic Plan for Crown Land

Our Reference:

SSP Crown Land

Please provide your details

1. First name *

Sean

2. Last name *

Ashcroft



4. Are you completing this survey as part of an organisation? *

If 'Yes' is selected, complete details in Q.5

Yes No Prefer not to say

5. Organisation

If you answered 'Yes' to Q.4

NSW and ACT Prospectors & Fossickers Association Inc.

6. Postal/street address *

[Redacted]

7. Suburb *

Dubbo

8. State *

NSW

9. Postcode *

2830

10. Email *

11. Which of the following options best indicates your current or past use or interest in Crown land in New South Wales? *

Please select all that apply

<input type="checkbox"/>	I am a Crown land manager
<input type="checkbox"/>	I am a Showground society manager
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	I am involved with a community or volunteer group that uses or maintains Crown land facilities
<input type="checkbox"/>	I am a member of a Commonwealth or state peak body with operations on Crown land
<input type="checkbox"/>	I have a lease to use Crown land
<input type="checkbox"/>	I have a licence to use Crown land
<input type="checkbox"/>	I use Crown land for my business
<input type="checkbox"/>	I am an Aboriginal Land claimant over areas of Crown land
<input type="checkbox"/>	I am a Native title claimant over areas of Crown land
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	I use Crown land for recreation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	I use Crown land when travelling away from home or visiting other places
<input type="checkbox"/>	I care about Crown land management as a resident of New South Wales
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other

Other

If you selected Other, please provide details (1,500 characters):

The NSW and ACT Prospectors and Fossickers Association Inc (NAPFA) was formed in December 2012 to improve recreational fossicking access to public land on behalf of all prospectors and fossickers in NSW.

Our goals are consistent with similar associations around the country, and promote prospecting and fossicking for minerals (especially gold) and gemstones as well as for coins and relics. Fossicking in NSW is a lawful activity under the Mining Act.

NAPFA is actively involved in educating the public to the importance that prospectors have played in the past to building our great nation, respecting areas of cultural and heritage significance as well as the importance of nil environmental footprint while lawfully fossicking.

NAPFA is a peak industry group in NSW, and is well recognised nationally as a key player in the prospecting and fossicking industries for representing our needs to Government.

NAPFA members often use Crown land for recreational activities such as fossicking, camping and to access the benefits of being outdoors. The association and its members are involved with and support several Crown land managers in the promotion and use of Crown Land.

12. What use/s of Crown land do you value? *

Please select all that apply:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Open or green space
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Community use
<input type="checkbox"/>	Aboriginal land rights
<input type="checkbox"/>	Biodiversity
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jobs and economic growth
<input type="checkbox"/>	Renewable energy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other

Other

If you selected Other, please provide details (1,500 characters):

NAPFA value the use of Crown land primarily for recreational and community use. NAPFA are supportive of other land uses, provided that these uses can be conducted concurrently and do not have a priority to restrict fossickers or other recreational or community users.

Strategic Plan priorities

The draft State Strategic Plan identifies four strategic priorities to guide Crown land management and inform the ways in which Crown land is used, and the activities, communities and environments it will support. These priorities are:

Priorities			
Enable jobs growth, commercial opportunities and sustainable economic progress in regional and rural NSW	Expand green space, sustainable quality of life and climate change resilience	Strengthen and support evolving community connections	Work with Aboriginal communities to realise the potential of their land rights

More information on these priorities is in [section 3.3 of the draft plan \(PDF\)](#).

Please provide your feedback

13. These are the best priorities for Crown land over the next 10 years. *

Please select
Strongly agree
Agree
Neutral
Disagree
Strongly disagree

14. Please rate each of the priorities from 'Very important' to 'Not important at all'.

Enable jobs growth, commercial opportunities and sustainable economic progress in regional and rural NSW.

Please select
Very important
Important
Neutral
Of minor importance
Not at all important

Expand green space, sustainable quality of life and climate change resilience

Please select
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Strengthen and support evolving community connections

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Work with Aboriginal communities to realise the potential of their land rights

Please select
Very important
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Do you believe that any changes should be made to these priorities, or are there any new priorities you would like to suggest?

Please provide details (1,500 characters):

NAPFA suggest that maintaining existing access, current uses and permitted activities should be a priority in the plan, and see it as essential to gain feedback from all stakeholders on sustaining these.

Simply investigating views on new priorities without taking into account current ones may lead to poor outcomes in many areas.

Note: NAPFA supports Aboriginal land management where job opportunities are realised, and education to the general public and other land users is given. This is provided that there are not significant restrictions to fossicking activities. In this case NAPFA would see that the question above would be answered as being very important for Aboriginal communities to realise their land rights.

Strategic Plan outcomes

The draft State Strategic Plan identifies 15 outcomes to focus our practical efforts and enable us to deliver on the priorities of the plan. These 15 outcomes are mapped to the four priorities in the table below:

Priorities			
Enable jobs growth, commercial opportunities and sustainable economic progress in regional and rural NSW	Expand green space, sustainable quality of life and climate change resilience	Strengthen and support evolving community connections	Work with Aboriginal communities to realise the potential of their land rights

Outcomes			
Support innovative and sustainable regional industries	Prioritise the use of Crown land for green and open space in urban areas	Sustain the places where people come together	Make Aboriginal land transfers a priority – and see them as an opportunity
Expand regional tourism	Use Crown land to expand access to affordable housing	Partner with the organisations that serve our communities	Contribute to the ongoing recognition of native title rights
Assist new sustainable energy, resources and infrastructure projects	Support and restore environmental values on Crown land	Strengthen and uphold compliance to ensure a fair go	Explore co-management of land to generate mutual benefits
Facilitate investment on Crown land	Manage Crown land to build resilience in a changing climate		Collaborate with Aboriginal groups in each place to improve outcomes

More information on these outcomes is in [section 3.3 of the draft plan \(PDF\)](#).

Please provide your feedback

15. These are the best outcomes for Crown land over the next 10 years. *

Please select
Strongly agree
Agree
Neutral
Disagree
Strongly disagree

16. Please rate each of the outcomes from 'Very important' to 'Not at all important'.

Support innovative and sustainable regional industries

Please select
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Expand regional tourism

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Use Crown land to expand access to affordable housing

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Manage Crown land to build resilience in a changing climate

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Sustain the places where people come together

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Do you believe that any changes should be made to these outcomes or would you like to suggest any other outcomes the department should address in the State Strategic Plan?

Please provide details (1,500 characters):

NAPFA suggest more engagement to determine outcomes from existing users of Crown Land.

Again, NAPFA has remained neutral on some issues above as although we support them and see them as being important, there are circumstance and precedent where these initiatives may have a severe negative impact on our members activities.

Without that clarification NAPFA cannot support these or rate them of high importance.

In addition, there should be more emphasis on the outcomes from the 2014 NSW Legislative Council General Purpose Standing Committee No.3 into Tourism in Local Communities. Its recommendations supported by government were to promote fossicking in regional areas and it had many other tourism initiatives.

Two key recommendations supported were:

- Recommendation 17. That the NSW Government investigate further opportunities for tourism development in national parks including accommodation, camping, mountain bike trails and fossicking.
- Recommendation 19. That the NSW Government investigate opportunities for fossicking in national parks, a single access fee for state forests and linking information for fossicking activities on the Destination NSW website.

<https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/lcdocs/inquiries/2358/GPSC%20No3%20Report%2030%20Tourism%20in%20local%20communities.pdf>

The creation of fossicking districts LGA wide are a good example of this and supported by our Ministers as shown here:

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/news/strike-gold-regional-nsw>

Strategic Plan enabling initiatives

The draft plan identifies seven enabling initiatives to support delivery against the strategic priorities and objectives of the plan. These enablers are:

- Make more of our information available and transparent
- Standardise leases and licensing for common activities
- Simplify licencing for domestic waterfront structures
- Reduce red tape for government entities managing Crown land
- Provide tools and resources to volunteer Crown land managers
- Build understanding of native title
- Engage and support a new generation of Crown land managers

More information on these enablers is in [section 4 of the draft plan \(PDF\)](#).

Please provide your feedback

17. These are the best enablers to support delivery of the plan. *

Please select
Strongly agree
Agree
Neutral
Disagree
Strongly disagree

18. Please rate each of the enablers from 'Very important' to 'Not at all important'.

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Do you believe that any changes should be made to these enabling initiatives, or are there any other enabling initiatives you would like to suggest?

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NAPFA believes an enabler should be included to assess the impacts to existing land uses and local communities that benefit from them from any future changes. It would allow mitigators to be explored to minimise restrictions to current uses and activities.

Other feedback

19. Please provide any other comments about the draft State Strategic Plan for Crown land.

Please provide details (1,500 characters):

Fossicking is an important pastime and hobby to many individuals, families and retirees who use it as an activity while enjoying the great outdoors. It is a part of our society in Australia that we enjoy the natural environment and are encouraged to tour, camp, fish, observe and be part of nature.

Nowhere else can the widespread public interest and benefit of fossicking be demonstrated as clearly as in the tourism industry. In NSW fossicking is well recognised and promoted by businesses in tourism areas, who welcome fossicking activity and encourage rights and access for fossickers to be extended to attract tourism numbers in their local area.

An estimated 50,000 people (Hansard states 100,000) take part in some form of fossicking activity per annum in NSW. There are over 70 clubs and associations in NSW & the ACT alone, that actively promote fossicking to the public and their members.

Areas with fossicking access attract a greater proportion of visitors, particularly families, that:

- coordinate their fossicking trip to include attendance at local events;
- actively spend additional time exploring other local attractions and often have extended stays;
- support local businesses and service providers;
- are often from interstate or overseas.

Fossicking relies on public land access as a very short term almost no impact activity. NAPFA see fossicking as an important part of the State Strategic Plan for Crown land and for fossicking to be supported in its outcomes.

20. Where did you hear about the State Strategic Plan? *

Please select all that apply:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Social media
<input type="checkbox"/>	Print media
<input type="checkbox"/>	Radio
<input type="checkbox"/>	Google search
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Crown Lands website
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ad in local paper
<input type="checkbox"/>	Correspondence from the department
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other

Other

If you selected Other, please provide details (1,500 characters):

You cannot complete your submission until you indicate your confidentiality preference below.

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Semi-public	<i>I would like my submission to be published but want my name and contact details to be confidential and not published</i>
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Please provide your details

1. First name *

Chris

2. Last name *

Young

4. Are you completing this survey as part of an organisation? *

If 'Yes' is selected, complete details in Q.5

Yes No Prefer not to say

5. Organisation

If you answered 'Yes' to Q.4

NORTH TURA BEACH RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION INC.

6. Postal/street address *

7. Suburb *

TURA BEACH

8. State *

NSW

9. Postcode *

2548

10. Email *

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<input type="checkbox"/>	I use Crown land for my business
<input type="checkbox"/>	I am an Aboriginal Land claimant over areas of Crown land
<input type="checkbox"/>	I am a Native title claimant over areas of Crown land
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	I use Crown land for recreation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	I use Crown land when travelling away from home or visiting other places
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	I care about Crown land management as a resident of New South Wales
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other

Other

If you selected Other, please provide details (1,500 characters):

12. What use/s of Crown land do you value? *

Please select all that apply:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Open or green space
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Community use
<input type="checkbox"/>	Aboriginal land rights
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Biodiversity
<input type="checkbox"/>	Jobs and economic growth
<input type="checkbox"/>	Renewable energy
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Other

If you selected Other, please provide details (1,500 characters):

BUSH FIRE PROTECTION - REDUCE FUEL LOAD ON CROWN LANDS ADJOINING COMMUNITIES

North Tura Beach Residents Association Inc seeks bush fire protection of communities where forests surround country towns, community fringes and rural homes.

- NTBRA can demonstrate a model of hazard reduction to protect residents and properties in the urban bush interface without burning.
- Hazard reduction of the bush interface areas can be undertaken by manual means, not burning, utilising volunteers to help clear understorey fuel loads
- Laws regulations and regulatory practice must be waived or changed to protect residents and properties in urban bush interface areas, in particular the Biodiversity Conservation Act of 2016.

Strategic Plan priorities

The draft State Strategic Plan identifies four strategic priorities to guide Crown land management and inform the ways in which Crown land is used, and the activities, communities and environments it will support. These priorities are:

Priorities			
Enable jobs growth, commercial opportunities and sustainable economic progress in regional and rural NSW	Expand green space, sustainable quality of life and climate change resilience	Strengthen and support evolving community connections	Work with Aboriginal communities to realise the potential of their land rights

More information on these priorities is in [section 3.3 of the draft plan \(PDF\)](#).

Please provide your feedback

13. These are the best priorities for Crown land over the next 10 years. *

Please select
Strongly agree
Agree
Neutral
Disagree
Strongly disagree

14. Please rate each of the priorities from 'Very important' to 'Not important at all'.

Enable jobs growth, commercial opportunities and sustainable economic progress in regional and rural NSW.

Please select
Very important
Important
Neutral
Of minor importance
Not at all important

Expand green space, sustainable quality of life and climate change resilience

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Strengthen and support evolving community connections

Please select
Very important
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Of minor importance
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Work with Aboriginal communities to realise the potential of their land rights

Please select
Very important
Important
Neutral
Of minor importance
Not at all important

Do you believe that any changes should be made to these priorities, or are there any new priorities you would like to suggest?

Please provide details (1,500 characters):

A CRITICAL NEW PRIORITY MUST BE THE REDUCTION OF BUSH FIRE RISK - PARTICULARLY ADJACENT TO COMMUNITIES and DWELLINGS

The NTBRA has been negotiating with Bega Valley Shire Council since December 2015 to reduce fire risk by removing understory fuel load (dead wood) from The Point and Dolphin Cove Council (Crown Lands) Reserves at Tura Beach. Success has been limited with allegations that the Council would risk breaching the Biodiversity Act, should a dead wood (fuel reduction) manual clean-up take place.

Notwithstanding the areas are zoned in the Bega Valley LEP 2013 as RE1:

- To enable land to be used for public open space or recreational purposes.
- To provide a range of recreational settings and activities and compatible land uses and
- To protect and enhance the natural environment for recreational purposes.

NSW Government must provide legislative support to allow adequate Asset Protection Zones (APZ) and Strategic Fire Advantage Zones (SFAZ) to be created along urban bushland interfaces.

Strategic Plan outcomes

The draft State Strategic Plan identifies 15 outcomes to focus our practical efforts and enable us to deliver on the priorities of the plan. These 15 outcomes are mapped to the four priorities in the table below:

Priorities			
Enable jobs growth, commercial opportunities and sustainable economic progress in regional and rural NSW	Expand green space, sustainable quality of life and climate change resilience	Strengthen and support evolving community connections	Work with Aboriginal communities to realise the potential of their land rights

Outcomes			
Support innovative and sustainable regional industries	Prioritise the use of Crown land for green and open space in urban areas	Sustain the places where people come together	Make Aboriginal land transfers a priority – and see them as an opportunity
Expand regional tourism	Use Crown land to expand access to affordable housing	Partner with the organisations that serve our communities	Contribute to the ongoing recognition of native title rights
Assist new sustainable energy, resources and infrastructure projects	Support and restore environmental values on Crown land	Strengthen and uphold compliance to ensure a fair go	Explore co-management of land to generate mutual benefits
Facilitate investment on Crown land	Manage Crown land to build resilience in a changing climate		Collaborate with Aboriginal groups in each place to improve outcomes

More information on these outcomes is in [section 3.3 of the draft plan \(PDF\)](#).

Please provide your feedback

15. These are the best outcomes for Crown land over the next 10 years. *

Please select
Strongly agree
Agree
Neutral
Disagree
Strongly disagree

16. Please rate each of the outcomes from 'Very important' to 'Not at all important'.

Support innovative and sustainable regional industries

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Expand regional tourism

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Sustain the places where people come together

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Partner with the organisations that serve our communities

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Contribute to the ongoing recognition of native title rights

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Collaborate with Aboriginal groups in each place to improve outcomes

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Do you believe that any changes should be made to these outcomes or would you like to suggest any other outcomes the department should address in the State Strategic Plan?

Please provide details (1,500 characters):

MANAGE CROWN LANDS ADJACENT TO LOCAL COMMUNITIES TO REDUCE FIRE RISK

We must reduce the understory fuel from the forests "Manage Crown Land to Build resilience in a changing environment". You have listed as "important" I would suggest it is "very important" with respect surrounding country towns, community fringes and rural homes. The model proposed sees volunteer community groups manually undertaking fuel removal which overcomes the social and political problems of hazard reduction burning and is endorsed by NTBRA.

This is a working model: In co-operation with BVSC, members of the NTBRA undertook induction training in land care works and have manually cleared the understory from part of The Dolphin Cove and The Point Reserves.

The distance undertaken for forest thinning and removal of understory fuel load work from housing is conjectural and councils tend to use minimum standards to meet their due diligence obligations. It is acknowledged that ember attack cannot be controlled through APZ setbacks but the establishment of significant Asset Protection Zones (APZ) will reduce the damaging effects from radiant heat and flame zones which can reach 50m plus.

The current practice of establishing minimum standard 20m APZs by BVSC does not recognize the inherent fire risk. In addition to cleared areas, the surrounding bushland needs to be thinned of fuel loads including deadwood and shrubs to form part of realistic Strategic Fire Advantage Zones (SFAZ).

Strategic Plan enabling initiatives

The draft plan identifies seven enabling initiatives to support delivery against the strategic priorities and objectives of the plan. These enablers are:

- Make more of our information available and transparent
- Standardise leases and licensing for common activities
- Simplify licencing for domestic waterfront structures
- Reduce red tape for government entities managing Crown land
- Provide tools and resources to volunteer Crown land managers
- Build understanding of native title
- Engage and support a new generation of Crown land managers

More information on these enablers is in [section 4 of the draft plan \(PDF\)](#).

Please provide your feedback

17. These are the best enablers to support delivery of the plan. *

Please select
Strongly agree
Agree
Neutral
Disagree
Strongly disagree

18. Please rate each of the enablers from 'Very important' to 'Not at all important'.

Make more of our information available and transparent

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Do you believe that any changes should be made to these enabling initiatives, or are there any other enabling initiatives you would like to suggest?

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Laws, regulations and regulatory practice must be waived or changed to protect residents and properties in urban bush interface areas.

In recent years NSW Planning and Environment Departments have introduced land development and management legislation that has effectively locked up large tracts of native forest to preserve their environmental values. When this legislation was introduced the government did not consider the risks involved in locking up land that is primarily vegetated by highly flammable Eucalyptus trees...indeed, trees which need fire to regenerate.

The Biodiversity Conservation Act of 2016 must be waived.

Lyndon Schneiders – former Director of the Wilderness Society - "We need to review all our laws and policies, and ensure all levels of government are working hand in glove"

Other feedback

19. Please provide any other comments about the draft State Strategic Plan for Crown land.

Please provide details (1,500 characters):

Our main comment, as noted in our response is that the draft Strategic Plan for Crown Land is silent on Bushfire risk. Surely following the Bushfire disaster of early 2020 this should be a major component of the draft plan?

The UN concept of locking up forest land as a global sustainability measure does not work for Australian Eucalyptus forests.

The "lock-up and leave" mentality that supports the creation and management of environmental zones in Australian forests is creating "bushfire disasters" waiting to happen".

These land planning concepts might work well in the temperate deciduous forests of Europe and North America. They could even have an application in wet equatorial rain forests. But they do not have a place in highly combustible Australian Eucalyptus forests.

20. Where did you hear about the State Strategic Plan? *

Please select all that apply:

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Print media
<input type="checkbox"/>	Radio
<input type="checkbox"/>	Google search
<input type="checkbox"/>	Crown Lands website
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ad in local paper
<input type="checkbox"/>	Correspondence from the department
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other

Other

If you selected Other, please provide details (1,500 characters):

Forwarded to Chris Young, Secretary by the Committee NTBRA Inc.

You cannot complete your submission until you indicate your confidentiality preference below.

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Confidential	<i>I would like my submission including my name and any contact details to be treated as confidential and not published</i>
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Public	<i>Please publish my submission including my name and contact details</i>

Privacy & confidentiality

Please indicate your confidentiality preference from the following options: *

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Thank you for your submission on the draft State Strategic Plan for Crown Land. All feedback is valued by the department.

If you have any questions, please contact us on 1300 886 235 or email cl.enquiries@crowmland.nsw.gov.au

Professor Richard Bush
Crown Land Commissioner
By email: cl.enquiries@crowland.nsw.gov.au

20 August 2020

Dear Professor Bush,

**National Parks Association of NSW submission on the
*NSW Government Crown Land Strategic Plan***

The National Parks Association of NSW (NPA) was formed in 1957 and sixty three years later we have 15 branches, 4,000 members and over 20,000 supporters. NPA's mission is to protect nature through community action. Our strengths include state wide reach, deep local knowledge and evidence based approach to conservation advocacy.

NPA consents to this submission being made public. We have provided our comments in letter form as the department's submission form does not provide ample latitude for comments on several aspects of the *NSW Government Crown Land Strategic Plan* (the Plan) that we consider important.

NPA is concerned by the increasingly common practice of NSW government engagement processes being constrained by the use of e forms that limit responses by the use of closed questions. Such practices exert an unwelcome and inappropriate control over public contributions to statutory planning.

1. Aboriginal interests

NPA supports the rights of indigenous Australian's in relation to their lands and strongly endorses an expedited process to resolve outstanding claims under the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act* (ALR Act).

Our comments below should be read in the context of that overarching support for the transfer of those Crown lands (CL) that meet the tests under the ALR Act to freehold Aboriginal ownership.

NPA recommends that the NSW Government actively consult with Aboriginal organisations on opportunities to use the lease back provisions under Part 4A of the *National Parks and Wildlife Act* (NPW Act) in relation to appropriate transferred lands. The joint management mechanisms under Part 4A of the NPW Act can provide Aboriginal communities with financial benefit, employment and ongoing control over lands that would improve the comprehensiveness, adequacy and representativeness of the NSW Protected Area Network (PAN). The use of this mechanism will necessitate appropriate funding from government and legislative additions to Schedule 14 of the NPW Act.

2. Description of Crown lands

The Plan does not provide readers with a clear understanding of the characteristics of CL across NSW. There are two aspects of that NPA would highlight for improvement. The first relates to Aboriginal interests in land. Page 16 states that ‘Prior to European settlement, all of what is now NSW was Aboriginal land’. A very incomplete explanation of the process of dispossession is then followed by a note that the ALR Act ‘provided for the return of some Crown land to Aboriginal ownership’. The Plan later acknowledges the appalling backlog of unprocessed land claims.

Those outstanding claims represent a major challenge for the Plan. NPA would suggest that it is very difficult to conduct meaningful strategic planning in the absence of information about the size and distribution of the CL estate as it will be reduced through the transfer of lands under the ALR Act. While NPA recognises the legal difficulties inherent in making detailed predictions about the outcome of specific claims, the scale of outstanding claims fundamentally compromises strategic planning. The Plan should include at least broad scale modelling of the future extent and configuration of the CL estate.

Our second issue with the description of CL is the lack of any overview of physical attributes and values. The Plan summarises the number of leases, interests and claims, but omits any characterisation of the inherent values of CL in NSW. NPA is particularly concerned that the Plan makes little reference to conservation values. It notes in passing that specific CLs have important biodiversity values, but completely fails to acknowledge the combined contribution of the CL estate to the functioning of ecosystems, habitats and species across NSW.

The NSW PAN does not meet internationally agreed targets for reservation across NSW bioregions, with major shortfalls on the tablelands and across the west. These shortfalls mean that the NSW government cannot achieve its statutory and international obligations for the protection of biodiversity unless CL continue to play a central role in species, habitat and ecosystem protection. The critical role CL play in conservation terms will only become more important under the influence of climate change, global heating, changes in species distributions and accelerating rates of habitat loss across freehold tenures.

NPA is extremely concerned that the Plan essentially ignores the single most important function of CL, which is to contribute to the public lands that deliver the ecosystem services upon which our communities depend and converse our fauna, flora and natural landscapes.

NPA recommends that the Plan be amended to include the following summary information about the conservation values of CL:

- All CL types offer a range of important conservation values, including remnant vegetation, threatened species, threatened ecological communities, corridors and connectivity and ecosystem services;
- Crown leases and Crown reserves have very high habitat connectivity, threatened species and threatened ecological community values, particularly those in the Western Division;

- Crown leases in the Central and Eastern divisions and Crown waterways contain extremely important vegetation remnants in heavily cleared landscapes;
- Some CL, including Travelling Stock Reserves, are irreplaceably important for the conservation of certain threatened species and threatened ecological communities;
- Many of the State's bioregions and ecosystems are poorly represented in the PAN, particularly those west of the Great Dividing Range and in coastal lowlands where there are few dedicated conservation reserves;
- Crown lands have a critical role to play in species survival and in concert with other public land categories offer opportunities to achieve a Comprehensive, Adequate and Representative PAN in NSW.
- Some habitat types that are almost exclusively confined to CL, including intertidal habitats such as beaches, estuaries and rock platforms.
- The CL estate has conservation value by virtue of being large enough to provide some resistance to ecosystem collapse in the face of climate change, changes in species distribution and broad scale clearing of freehold lands.
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3. Objectives

It is disturbing that the maintenance and restoration of the conservation values of CL are not included as one of the core priorities under the Plan. Instead of environmental management being shown as a priority, 'Support and restore environmental values on Crown land' and 'Manage Crown land to build resilience in a changing climate' are shown as secondary outcomes along with the release of land for affordable housing a somewhat bizarre conjunction given that habitat clearance for urban development is one of the primary drivers of biodiversity loss.

NPA recommends that the management of CLs to sustain existing environmental values be added as a new priority as shown on page 30 of the Plan. The new priority could be phrased as 'Maintain and improve the environmental condition of Crown lands, supporting communities with essential ecosystem services and maintaining biodiversity'. Appropriate outcomes under this new priority would include:

- Maintain biodiversity values of CL by controlling pests, weeds, fire and other threats.
- Actively manage risks to threatened species and other vulnerable natural systems.
- Manage biodiversity values and ecosystem services in collaboration with adjoining land managers.
- Conduct comprehensive assessment of the biodiversity and cultural values of CL to inform management objectives and facilitate engagement of appropriate managers or transfer to other government agencies.

4. The quadruple bottom line proposal

The Plan does touch upon environmental considerations in respect to the proposed 'quadruple bottom line approach to the management of Crown land' (p28), stating that the NSW government will 'seek to optimise the economic, social, cultural and environmental opportunities generated by activities on Crown land'. This focus on 'opportunities' and 'activities' implies that CL has no value to the community unless it is subject to some form of

development. In NPA's view this approach is misguided and flows from the failure to adequately articulate the existing values of CL, which include conservation, biodiversity and ecosystem services of great benefit to local communities and the broader state.

Furthermore, the quadruple approach at least implicitly suggests that CLs will serve all four purposes. This approach is manifestly flawed, for example there are few residual environmental values in a marina or community hall, while lands of high conservation value may be fatally compromised by management for multiple objectives.

If the quadruple approach is maintained in the final Plan, NPA recommends that the economic assessment include a full evaluation of the financial benefits associated with the ecosystem services and nature based tourism opportunities afforded by CL. NPA is confident that such 'valuation' would confirm that conservation purposes remain the best and highest purpose to which CL can be deployed.

5. Land management model

The NSW government manages the majority of lands in NSW. Unfortunately, CLs have historically been treated as the low cost option for discharging the government's land management obligations, with limited allocations for basic functions such as pest, weed, fire, threatened species and access control. In the absence of appropriate funding the department has become a land administrator rather than a land manager. The priority has been to transfer the costs and liabilities associated with land management to other parties.

NPA is encouraged to see indications that the Plan anticipates a more active role for the department in the day to day management of CL. This is not matched by any clear commitment to manage CL in ways that meet the objectives of NSW and Commonwealth environment laws. The Plan should include a clear statement to the effect that the department will contribute to integrated land management programs with adjoining land managers and land holders.

NPA would suggest that the Plan's first action to 'realise the vision' should be a comprehensive assessment of the characteristics, values and capabilities of all CL. Once the assessment has been conducted it will be possible to determine the appropriate mix of community uses, conservation services and commercial activity. A comprehensive assessment of the biodiversity and cultural values should inform the development of management objectives for individual portions of CL. In some cases, this will enable management planning to guide lessees and managers, in others it should identify lands for transfer to other government agencies.

In the absence of such information it is not possible for the community to be assured that appropriate management practices are in place to maintain or enhance the values of CL. Land management cannot be conducted purely on the basis of standard prescription, it is not possible to tailor management practices to the needs of specific areas without basic

information about their distribution, condition and requirements. NPA has no doubts that the lack of such information for CL is resulting in inappropriate practices and the loss of conservation value.

A critical priority for the comprehensive assessment of CL should be the identification of habitat corridors and other vegetated remnants of high to exceptional conservation significance. NPA notes that the NSW Government made a commitment to the assessment of 'State Significant Habitats' as part of the 2016 review of CL. This has not been forthcoming.

NPA commends the commitment in the Plan to a digital map of CL, with information about tenure, management and other relevant information (p59). This data should be freely available and must include detail on the physical characteristics of the site, biotic values, threats and management requirements.

6. A Comprehensive, Adequate and Representative Protected Area Network for NSW

Crown lands don't sit in isolation they are part of the broader estate of public lands and their management must be demonstrably in the public interest. The public interest includes meeting NSW and the nation's obligations under the statute, policies and treaties that have been developed to forestall biodiversity loss, global warming and large scale ecosystem collapse. In practical terms this involves the avoidance of habitat loss, environmental restoration to increase carbon sequestration, pest and weed control programs, appropriate fire management techniques and threatened species recovery actions.

Crown lands represent such a large a proportion of NSW, contain so many areas of exceptional conservation values, and provide such important linkages across the landscape, that their future condition will determine whether the other parts of the public estate, including national parks and nature reserves, will have the capacity to protect our state's biodiversity and natural landscapes. The survival of much of our biodiversity will depend upon the manner in which CLs are managed.

Indeed, NPA is of the view that all CL that are not subject to claims under the ALR Act should be assessed for potential transfer into the conservation reserves depending upon their values, condition and capacity for restoration. This view reflects the historic reality that most of the reserves currently gazetted under the NPW Act were created through the transfer of CL, as well as the fact that the PAN is nowhere near the internationally accepted benchmark of 17% of the state's land area. In the absence of further CL transfers NSW has no prospect of ever reaching those benchmarks.

We note the substantial community benefits that flow from aligning the tenure and management of CL with their values. A recent example was the transfer of CL in Garrawarra State Conservation Area in southern Sydney. These CL linked the coastal reserves of Royal National Park and Garrawarra State Conservation Area with the hinterland habitats of

Heathcote National Park and the Woronora Plateau water catchments. While critical for connectivity purposes, the CL status of the site meant that it was essentially unmanaged and became a dumping ground for contaminated waste and other refuse. Incorporation into the adjoining reserve has enabled NPWS to begin removing debris and curbing further dumping.

7. Intertidal zones

The large majority of intertidal zones and riverine zones in NSW are classified as CL. These critical ecotones between terrestrial and aquatic habitats are highly valued by the community as such. NPA is very disappointed by the blatant disregard in the Plan for the environmental values of intertidal zones, with the only reference being to their potential for aquaculture, marinas and other marine industries. None of these industries has any long term viability unless the integrity and functioning of the intertidal and riverine zones are secured.

The management of the intertidal zones has always been a vexed land management issue in NSW. Conservation reserves and Council lands are traditionally gazetted to the Mean High Water Mark (MHWM), with the area below classified as CL under the jurisdiction of the department, or, in the case of the coast between Wollongong and Newcastle, NSW Maritime. The result is that the management of issues such as beach driving, dog walking, public safety and nuisance, and the protection of nesting shorebirds and other vulnerable fauna has been extremely fragmented.

By way of example, NPA regularly receives complaints from the public about disturbance to nesting migratory shorebirds by dogs on beaches adjoining national parks. The complainants are always surprised when advised that NPWS has no authority to regulate dogs on the beaches. A similarly unsatisfactory situation is the Figure 8 pools adjacent to Royal National Park, where NPWS is trying to manage intense risk to human safety through the indirect means of controlling access to this CL site, while the department plays no significant part in managing the situation.

NPA recommends that the transfer of all intertidal zones adjacent to national parks to NPWS, with the remainder to be transferred to the relevant Council. We request that such transfers be listed as one of the immediate priorities for the Plan. This removes the current artificial barrier between the management of terrestrial lands and the adjoining coastal strip, improving the efficiency of management, promotion, access and protection.

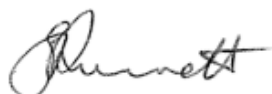
8. Travelling Stock Reserves.

Travelling Stock Reserves (TSR) are a dispersed linear network of extremely high conservation value across large parts of NSW. Despite the well recognised values of many individual TSRs, supported by high quality biodiversity data funded by the NSW Environmental Trust, Local Land Services continues to issue grazing permits on the basis that funds are not provided for basic land management activities and their only option is to transfer those responsibilities to licence holders. NPA and the Nature Conservation Council have submitted a separate detailed submission regarding TSRs. For the purposes of this submission NPA wishes to confirm that

TSRs are one of the most important conservation assets in NSW, and that the Plan must make adequate provision for agencies to meet their basic biodiversity management obligations without recourse to such inappropriate transfer of responsibilities.

NPA would be pleased to discuss any of the management of Crown Lands in NSW. I can be contacted at [REDACTED].

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dunnett", written in a cursive style.

Gary Dunnett
Executive Officer
National Parks Association of NSW
protecting nature through community action

Complete this form to give feedback on the draft State Strategic Plan for Crown land. When complete, please return it to us by midnight Thursday 20 August 2020, either by email to cl.enquiries@crownland.nsw.gov.au or by post to PO Box 2155, DANGAR NSW 2309.

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Activity

Name of Activity

State Strategic Plan for Crown Land

Our Reference:

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Please provide your details

1. First name *

Peter

2. Last name *

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4. Are you completing this survey as part of an organisation? *

If 'Yes' is selected, complete details in Q.5

Yes No Prefer not to say

5. Organisation

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6. Postal/street address *

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2795

10. Email *

11. Which of the following options best indicates your current or past use or interest in Crown land in New South Wales? *

Please select all that apply

<input type="checkbox"/>	I am a Crown land manager
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Strategic Plan priorities

The draft State Strategic Plan identifies four strategic priorities to guide Crown land management and inform the ways in which Crown land is used, and the activities, communities and environments it will support. These priorities are:

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Enable jobs growth, commercial opportunities and sustainable economic progress in regional and rural NSW	Expand green space, sustainable quality of life and climate change resilience	Strengthen and support evolving community connections	Work with Aboriginal communities to realise the potential of their land rights

More information on these priorities is in [section 3.3 of the draft plan \(PDF\)](#).

Please provide your feedback

13. These are the best priorities for Crown land over the next 10 years. *

Please select
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14. Please rate each of the priorities from 'Very important' to 'Not important at all'.

Enable jobs growth, commercial opportunities and sustainable economic progress in regional and rural NSW.

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Do you believe that any changes should be made to these priorities, or are there any new priorities you would like to suggest?

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Strategic Plan outcomes

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Outcomes			
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Facilitate investment on Crown land	Manage Crown land to build resilience in a changing climate		Collaborate with Aboriginal groups in each place to improve outcomes

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Do you believe that any changes should be made to these outcomes or would you like to suggest any other outcomes the department should address in the State Strategic Plan?

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Crown Lands should have the power to sell the Crown Road Reserve to the one who relies upon it in circumstances that warrant that sale.
See 18 below, for further particulars.

Strategic Plan enabling initiatives

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- Make more of our information available and transparent
- Standardise leases and licensing for common activities
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Engage and support a new generation of Crown land managers

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Do you believe that any changes should be made to these enabling initiatives, or are there any other enabling initiatives you would like to suggest?

Please provide details (1,500 characters):

I have purchased Crown Road Reserves and had good experiences.

[REDACTED]

Conclusion

- 1) The Crown ought not, of course, in the circumstances, extinguish my daughters' legal access way and escape route in times of emergency.
- 2) The Crown ought not, in the circumstances be forced to retain ownership of the Crown Road Reserve.
- 3) The Crown ought, in the circumstances, have the power to sell to persons such as my daughters, the Crown Road Reserve, and ought(after appropriate notice to the Corporate neighbour) exercise that power in their their favour.

Other feedback

19. Please provide any other comments about the draft State Strategic Plan for Crown land.

Please provide details (1,500 characters):

20. Where did you hear about the State Strategic Plan? *

Please select all that apply:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Social media
<input type="checkbox"/>	Print media
<input type="checkbox"/>	Radio
<input type="checkbox"/>	Google search
<input type="checkbox"/>	Crown Lands website
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ad in local paper
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Correspondence from the department
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other

Other

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Public	<i>Please publish my submission including my name and contact details</i>

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Making your submission public

We collect information about you, which may include personal information, to assess submissions in response to Crown land dealings and activities, and to perform other functions required to complete the project. This information must be supplied. If you choose not to provide the requested information, we may not be able to assess your submission.

To promote transparency and an open government, we intend to make all submissions publicly available on our website, or in reports. Your name or your organisation's name may appear in these reports with your feedback attributed.

If you would like your submission and/or feedback to be kept confidential, please let us know when making your submission. You will be asked for your confidentiality preference at the end of this form.

If you request your submission be kept confidential, it will not be published on our website or included in any relevant reports, however it will still be subject to the *Government Information Public Access Act 2009*.

Your submission will be stored securely consistent with the department's Records Management Policy and you have the right to request access to, and correction of, your personal information held by the department.

Further information is available in our [Privacy statement](#).

Important information about this form

The fields marked with an asterisk * are mandatory and must be completed in order to submit the form.

Activity

Name of Activity

State Strategic Plan for Crown Land

Our Reference:

SSP Crown Land

Please provide your details

1. First name *

Paul

2. Last name *

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4. Are you completing this survey as part of an organisation? *

If 'Yes' is selected, complete details in Q.5

Yes No Prefer not to say

5. Organisation

If you answered 'Yes' to Q.4

6. Postal/street address *

7. Suburb *

Bermagui

8. State *

NSW

9. Postcode *

2546

10. Email *

11. Which of the following options best indicates your current or past use or interest in Crown land in New South Wales? *

Please select all that apply

<input type="checkbox"/>	I am a Crown land manager
<input type="checkbox"/>	I am a Showground society manager
<input type="checkbox"/>	I am involved with a community or volunteer group that uses or maintains Crown land facilities
<input type="checkbox"/>	I am a member of a Commonwealth or state peak body with operations on Crown land
<input type="checkbox"/>	I have a lease to use Crown land
<input type="checkbox"/>	I have a licence to use Crown land
<input type="checkbox"/>	I use Crown land for my business
<input type="checkbox"/>	I am an Aboriginal Land claimant over areas of Crown land
<input type="checkbox"/>	I am a Native title claimant over areas of Crown land
<input type="checkbox"/>	I use Crown land for recreation
<input type="checkbox"/>	I use Crown land when travelling away from home or visiting other places
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	I care about Crown land management as a resident of New South Wales
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other

Other

If you selected Other, please provide details (1,500 characters):

12. What use/s of Crown land do you value? *

Please select all that apply:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Open or green space
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Community use
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Aboriginal land rights
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Biodiversity
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jobs and economic growth
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Renewable energy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other

Other

If you selected Other, please provide details (1,500 characters):

State forests are Crown land and therefore publicly owned. I have strong interest in and concern about the unbridled logging and destruction of our native forests and the habitat they provide by our own government agency Forest Corp of NSW and their contractors. This has been carried out for decades and is still occurring, regardless of scientific evidence from our international and own researchers and conservationists.

My interest is to have this unlawful and socially unacceptable practice ceased and all such jobs be transferred to plantation works, or transitioned out by whatever just means are available. Logging native forests heavily impacts our biodiversity, ecological services and contributing to climate change.

Any new plan relating to Crown land is obliged to support a Just Transition out of these unsustainable land management practice. It no longer has social licence, scientific support or environmental justification.

There exist an alternative plan and strategy that provides employment and recreational opportunities, conservation of habitat and biodiversity, as well as reengaging with First Nation culture and practices to the benefit of all. It encapsulates consideration and recommendations directly relating to all four goals set out for this review of the Act. Its only exclusion area is domestic use of foreshores though it does refer to riparian zones.

I highly recommend that the Great Southern Forest Proposal: greatsouthernforest.org.au

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Do you believe that any changes should be made to these priorities, or are there any new priorities you would like to suggest?

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I accept and agree with these priorities, though I would rearrange them as it appears that 'Enable jobs growth, commercial opportunities and sustainable economic progress in regional and rural NSW' is the first priority.

In fact, the one that is fourth needs to be first as we cannot truly develop an authentic and sustainable future while we do not 'Work with Aboriginal communities to realise the potential of their land rights' before anything else.

This does not mutually exclude the first priority at all. It actually supports it though from a First Nation perspective as it still is their land in the main. I rate the order of priorities as follows:

1. Work with Aboriginal communities to realise the potential of their land rights
2. Strengthen and support evolving community connections - communities develop their own most relevant economic opportunities in time
3. Expand green space, sustainable quality of life and climate change resilience
4. Enable jobs growth, commercial opportunities and sustainable economic progress in regional and rural NSW

This order is community driven and far more sustainable than encouraging economic growth ahead of the others.

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Do you believe that any changes should be made to these outcomes or would you like to suggest any other outcomes the department should address in the State Strategic Plan?

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Regarding 'Support and restore environmental values on Crown land', I and many, many other Australians require that this is directly related to ceasing the logging of native forests altogether. They are not valued at present except as a resource for woodchips or briquette manufacture. In fact, they therefore have no environmental value in current state policy regardless of how Forest Corp NSW claims to manage them.

The EPA is under resourced and under funded to ensure an acceptable standard of regulation and oversight. Once environmental value is restored we would see benefits in many areas of our communities and assist with the required response to climate change.

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Do you believe that any changes should be made to these enabling initiatives, or are there any other enabling initiatives you would like to suggest?

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Simplify licensing for domestic waterfront structures:

This is a strange identifier to me as I thought waterfront land was set aside as public land, so to further allow domestic use is contrary to the aim of preserving it. As has been demonstrated so often in the past, use or development of waterfront land tends to degrade it and often cause pollution, so I do not see it as a worthwhile strategy.

Similar to state forests, waterfront land is for all the public to use, not the few with funds to purchase and use it. I strongly disagree with this element of any future plan as this has been a defining issue in the past of what is lacking and biased in the current Crown Lands Act.

Other feedback

19. Please provide any other comments about the draft State Strategic Plan for Crown land.

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If this plan is to achieve all the outcomes stated, it will need to be different in a number of areas I have mentioned. If this is truly a new approach then the matters of state forests and waterfront lands need amending and given different priority or at least allocated greater oversight. The regulation to both zones needs to be far stronger and, in the case of waterfront land, any access be only for the public with the possible freezing of any domestic or commercial use.

20. Where did you hear about the State Strategic Plan? *

Please select all that apply:

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Privacy & confidentiality

Please indicate your confidentiality preference from the following options: *

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Thank you for your submission on the draft State Strategic Plan for Crown Land. All feedback is valued by the department.

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20 August 2020

SSP Crown Land
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Dear Sir/Madam

Submission – Review of State Strategic Plan – A Vision for Crown land

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission to the State Strategic Plan – A Vision for Crown Land. Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council (Council) considered a report on the State Strategic Plan at its Planning and Strategy Committee meeting of 12 August 2020 (Attachment 1) and as a result Council's submission follows.

Firstly setting out a vision for Crown land in New South Wales particularly one with a host of actions tied to defined time lines is a good start and is supported.

Actions referred to in the Plan which are particularly supported include the possible inclusion of a digital map of Crown land, searchable text information about tenure status, a data base of Crown land managers, and other information useful to the public and potential licensees or leaseholders (page 59). A useful example of this particularly given the Plan's stated outcome to make Aboriginal land transfers a priority would to be include details about the status of land claims under the NSW Act as well as those under the Commonwealth Act. This would have the potential to be of great assistance to Crown land managers in their consideration of native title interests under the *Crown Lands Management Act 2016*.

Council would encourage validation of all data to ensure data can be adequately used.

The production of standardised templates for leases and licences for common activities across the state (page 60) is also supported.

Resourcing particularly for Aboriginal Land Claims

While the Plan makes some commitments about resourcing its actions like those referred to pages 36, 41 and 44 etc., it relies heavily on Crown land managers, showground managers and other local government staff as well as on peak community organisations to achieve them. In addition no mention is made of additional funding at the local level to support its actions.

In particular resourcing is not addressed in any explicit way for actions affecting and involving first peoples, yet the lack of resources is likely to be one of the major sources of delay in settling Aboriginal land claims despite Aboriginal land transfers being a priority. Delays perpetuate the legacy of dispossession, frustrating plans to utilise the land for culture and economic benefit. This should be addressed in future implementation plans and annual reports on these. Notwithstanding this it is


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encouraging to see 13,000 claims have been resolved, although 38,000 remain unresolved.

Ecological communities

Offset credits and conservation agreements are encouraged to generate funds for care of Crown land with biodiversity and conservation benefits. Council as a Crown land manager is responsible for significant areas of the States Endangered Ecological Communities and are also recognised as a useful adjuncts to the NPWS Estate. We have concerns regarding management and future funding for Crown land deemed unsuitable simply because parcels don't meet size requirements for sufficient offset credits under this Plan and other state government programs.

Crown as a manager

Proactive land management needs to happen on Crown land to mitigate risks for communities, habitats and species, yet there are no outcomes to address Crown managing its own land better. Council has experienced frustrations from community – particularly rural communities and has large rural communities in various parts of the local government area. Amongst other things these frustrations revolve around the lack of weed control, bushfire mitigation and general management in adjacent Crown land.

Plans priorities and outcomes

Intuitively some outcomes of the Plan seem a little contradictory. Crown land to support affordable housing sitting within the same theme as repurposing Crown land for green and open spaces – both commendable outcomes is an example. Perhaps housing maybe best fit under sustainable economic progress and it is not unlikely that in some cases it will be a future challenge to achieve these two outcomes?

Crown Land grants

An unresolved issue is the lack of review for the process of Crown Land grants. The current system for provision of funds to Crown Land managers is time consuming, resource hungry and often doesn't deliver a mechanism which covers actual costs of providing public infrastructure and open space. This needs further consideration and remedial action.

Volunteer recruitment

Initiatives to provide subsidised insurance for volunteer Crown Land managers are welcome. This is often a focus for fundraising efforts, and is a major discouragement for up-and-coming volunteers. A great initiative to recruit and train a new generation of volunteers, but some concrete incentives are needed – new generations have significant family and work responsibilities

Our submission has been prepared taking into account the roles and responsibilities of Council as raised above, and having particular regard to Council as a Crown land manager, as well as biodiversity protection issues.

Overall Council is generally supportive of the Plan but needs to see the detail particularly the implementation plan.

If you have any further enquiries please contact [REDACTED] on [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely,



David Carswell
Service Manager – Land-Use Planning
Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council

CC M/s Libby Duncan

7.8 Review of State Strategic Plan – A Vision for Crown Land (Ref: ; Author:
Thompson/Duncan)

Attachment 1

File Reference: 26.2.2-01

Summary

The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) has released a 'State Strategic Plan – A Vision for Crown Land' for comment (the plan). The plan is a proposed vision and strategy for management of Crown land in NSW. Feedback is to be provided by 20 August, 2020.

On internal review, it is encouraging that DPIE is taking a more proactive and engaged approach to management of Crown land. However, with few solutions to address the resource issues, the management of ecological communities and how the Crown will manage its own land, a submission stating Council's views is suggested.

Recommendation

That Council lodge a submission to the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment on the State Strategic Plan – A Vision for Crown Land based on the issues raised in this report.

10 **Background**

Crown Lands, a part of the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment NSW (DPIE) is generally responsible for the management of Crown land in NSW, as specified in the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* (CLM Act).

The CLM Act requires the State Government to create a State Strategic Plan to set the vision, priorities and overarching strategy for the management of Crown land in NSW, including the outcomes that are expected to be achieved by implementation of the plan, and the timeframe for achieving those outcomes.

20 The CLM Act allows councils to manage Crown land under the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1993* (LG Act) for public land. Council currently manages over 260 lots of Crown land across the local government area. These lots are categorised into 'Operational', 'Community' or 'Devolved'. These categories determine how Council is to use and manage each lot.

As a Crown land manager, Council will be guided by the plan with the management and use of Crown land to meet the current and future needs and priorities of the government and our community. A shift in focus to optimising public land for multiple benefits that deliver outcomes for the economy, the environment and the social wellbeing of the community as proposed by the plan, are likely to have flow on effects on the management of QPRC Crown land.

The plan is the first such plan for Crown land and provides the community with an opportunity to change the way Crown land is managed for the benefit of communities of NSW.

30 The plan focuses on the following five priorities:

- enable jobs growth, commercial opportunities and sustainable economic progress in regional and rural NSW,
- expand green space, sustainable quality of life and climate change resilience,

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- strengthen and support evolving community connections,
- work with Aboriginal communities to realise the potential of their land rights, and
- enabling initiatives that will support delivery of the plan.

40 The issues proposed to be commented on include: resourcing for adequate management of Crown land, firmer commitment to safeguard ecological communities, resolution of contradictory outcomes, prolonged Aboriginal land claims and a partnership approach for engagement.

Implications***Legal***

The CLM Act requires that identified Crown land be managed by Council. As part of this Council has a responsibility to manage Crown land in a sustainable manner. This includes meeting biosecurity obligations.

Under Section 8A Guiding principles for councils of the LG Act, Council is required to exercise its functions in relation to a set of general principles. One of these principles is:

(f) Councils should manage lands and other assets so that current and future local community needs can be met in an affordable way.

50 Additionally, clause 8A(2) of the LG Act sets out decision making criteria, two of these are criteria are applicable in relation to the management of Crown land:

(c) Councils should consider the long term and cumulative effects of actions on future generations.

(d) Councils should consider the principles of ecologically sustainable development.

Policy

60 Under the LG Act, Council is required to develop and adopt Plans of Management (PoMs) for all community land appointed to Council to manage by Crown land. Council has compliant PoMs under the former Queanbeyan City Council. Staff are currently preparing new PoMs for all QPRC community land. New PoMs are also likely to be influenced by the final state plan, and the lands proposed to be vested by Crown to Council.

Environmental

A number of Crown land lots across Council have significant environmental values (predominantly natural resource or heritage) on them and need to be managed accordingly. At this time there are no allocated funds to manage these lots and they are unlikely to attract funding.

Asset

This new approach to managing Crown land could see funds becoming available to Council to expand and upgrade amenities and improve community-based facilities within Crown land reserves.

70 *Social / Cultural*

The plan contains ideas for how the Crown can better support communities such as through custodians of racecourses, showgrounds, youth groups and clubs. One proposal suggested is improving security and duration of tenure over Crown land, so that the organisations have a stable base to improve.

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One key proposal of the plan is to identify opportunities involving Crown lands to create jobs and economic opportunities for regional communities.

Strategic

80 Being able to provide feedback on the management of Crown land and understanding the vision for Crown land management, will assist Council with the management of Crown land that it is responsible for.

Engagement

The State Strategic Plan – A Vision for Crown Land' is currently open for public consultation. During the consultation phase, Crown Lands has provided online information sessions on the draft Crown Land State Strategic Plan. Interested parties can provide feedback to Crown Land before 20 August, 2020.

As Council is the manager of a significant number of Crown land reserves, it is in Council's interest to lodge a submission covering the issues of resourcing, biodiversity conservation, Aboriginal land claims, contradictory outcomes and other matters as appropriate.

Financial

90 There is no budget for the management of Crown land other than that currently being managed by Council. Council has received \$35,197 for the preparation of PoMs as previously reported (Item No. 7.3 Planning and Strategy Committee Meeting – 12 June 2019).

Resources (including staff)

A stated above there are no additional funds or staff for the management of Crown land or to review the plan and PoMs.

Integrated Plan

100 Crown land and PoMs are covered in the Community Strategic Plan Pillar 3 – Character and specifically identified in the Delivery Plan Outputs: 26.2.2 Crown Land - Development of management plans for Crown Land and 23.6.2 Crown Land - Management and maintenance for Council controlled Crown lands.

The PoMs are important documents providing clear guidelines for the future management of land in the care and control of Council. The PoMs will be linked to Council's Operational Plan, Community Engagement Plan and the Local Strategic Planning Statement, as well Council's asset plans. The delivery outcomes of PoMs will be influenced by the final plan, particularly in regard to funding opportunities.

Conclusion

110 The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment's 'State Strategic Plan – A Vision for Crown Land' is currently out for Council and community comment until 20 August 2020. Whilst there is a substantial amount of work in strategically managing Council managed Crown land, the new State Strategic plan (and approach) does present the opportunity for new management methods which are a benefit to Council and the community in regard to enhancing recreation, amenity and to a lesser degree biodiversity.

Staff will migrate newly vested Crown lands (separate report) into existing or specific PoMs.

Submission

It is suggested a submission be made covering the issues of:

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- resourcing for adequate management of Crown land, and upgrade of facilities
- firmer commitment to safeguard ecological communities,
- resourcing for management of weeds on vacant crown land
- resolving contradictory outcomes, and prolonged Aboriginal land claims
- a partnership approach for engagement.

Attachments

Nil

Professor Richard Bush
Crown Land Commissioner
Department of Planning, Industry and Environment
Level 3, 26 Honeysuckle Drive
Newcastle NSW 2300



25 August, 2020

Submission on 'Draft State Strategic Plan – A Vision for Crown Land 2020'

Dear Richard

Thank you for the invitation to provide comments on the Draft State Strategic Plan for Crown land.

The Recreational Fishing NSW Advisory Council (RFNSW) discussed this important issue at its 15th meeting on 19 August. RFNSW has submitted its recommendations online. However, I would like to take this opportunity to provide you with some background information on RFNSW and recreational fishing in NSW, and to summarise our recommendations.

Background

RFNSW is a statutory body established to provide advice to the Minister for Primary Industries on key recreational fishing issues in NSW. It operates using a modern representative model that ensures the views of recreational fishers throughout the State are recognised – RFNSW has eight regional members, two members with expertise in spearfishing and charter-boat fishing, and other representatives who contribute significantly to our deliberations.

Recreational fishing is enjoyed by around 850,000 anglers in NSW and makes valuable contributions to coastal and inland communities, and to the State economy – approximately \$2.2 billion was spent directly on recreational fishing activities in 2017/18, and recreational fishing accounts for ~\$3.5 billion in total economic activity in NSW each year.

Our stakeholders rely heavily on an effective system of legal access to waterways through the Crown land reserve system and Crown road network. Therefore, RFNSW's vision includes encouraging the Government to provide open access to waterways throughout the State, and a network of public land that facilitates recreational fishing that is equal to the excellent systems established in other countries.

Crown lands, and effective management of these assets, are essential for maintaining public access to our waterways in perpetuity, and for conserving the habitats that underpin healthy fisheries.

The events of 2020 highlight just how important the use of Crown land is to the well-being of people in NSW. As we emerge from the devastating effects of the bushfires and COVID-19 on regional communities, increased local tourism is expected to play a key role in the recovery. Maximising access to waterways will do much to enhance the important role that tourism to rural areas needs to play in the future economy of NSW. In addition to meeting the expectations of nature-loving citizens, maximising access to waterways will also enable the Government to manage future crises by enhancing the opportunities for recreation.

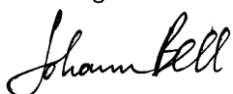
Recommendations

RFNSW recommends that the Strategic Plan:

- Places emphasis on maintaining public access to our waterways in perpetuity, and conserving riparian habitats to improve the ecological values of the State's waterways.
- Explores the opportunity to provide and promote a network of Crown lands linked to waterways to facilitate access for recreational fishers, and other stakeholders who enjoy interacting with the natural environment, in a similar way to the systems adopted and enjoyed in New Zealand and Northern America.
- Addresses the lack of relationship between Crown lands, recreational fishing access, and fish habitat protection.
- Incorporates recreational fishing, and freshwater and coastal land-based fishing access, in the section of the Strategy dedicated to 'Marine and boating activities'.
- Emphasises the social and health values of Crown land, and ensures that these values are given preference over any short-term economic gains through sale of land. This involves identifying a process that ensures commercial use of any Crown land does not take precedence over the enduring environmental, social and cultural values of the land.
- Embraces a wider approach to increasing regional growth through promoting tourism linked to improved access to Crown land for activities such as fishing.
- Redresses the limited opportunities for recreational fishing access in the Western Division of NSW.
- Establishes an effective, well-resourced 'Crown Lands Compliance Unit' within the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment to create an effective system for stakeholders to report infringements to access regulations and other issues for action related to Crown land.
- Recognises the importance of green spaces to recreational fishers (and to other stakeholder groups who enjoy the natural environment), and makes provision to maximise these areas in both metropolitan and regional areas across NSW to cater for the growing population of NSW.
- Establishes a formal mechanism where any proposed changes to the use of Crown lands that could impact the environmental, social and cultural values associated with a freshwater, estuarine or marine 'waterway' are referred to the Department of Primary Industries (Fisheries) and RFNSW for comment prior to any decision being made on changes to the use of such lands.

Please do not hesitate to let me know if you require any further information to evaluate the recommendations made by RFNSW. I would be happy to meet with you at your convenience.

Best regards



Professor Johann Bell (Chair)

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Please provide your details

1. First name *

Prof Johann

2. Last name *

Bell



4. Are you completing this survey as part of an organisation? *

If 'Yes' is selected, complete details in Q.5

Yes No Prefer not to say

5. Organisation

If you answered 'Yes' to Q.4

The Recreational Fishing NSW Advisory Council

6. Postal/street address *



7. Suburb *

Wombarra

8. State *

NSW

9. Postcode *

2515

10. Email *

11. Which of the following options best indicates your current or past use or interest in Crown land in New South Wales? *

Please select all that apply

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	I care about Crown land management as a resident of New South Wales
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other

Other

If you selected Other, please provide details (1,500 characters):

The Recreational Fishing NSW Advisory Council (RFNSW) is a statutory body that was established to provide

12. What use/s of Crown land do you value? *

Please select all that apply:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Open or green space
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Community use
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Aboriginal land rights
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Biodiversity
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jobs and economic growth
<input type="checkbox"/>	Renewable energy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other

Other

If you selected Other, please provide details (1,500 characters):

Our stakeholders rely heavily on an effective system of legal access through the Crown land reserve and Crown road network to access the State's waterways. Fishing stakeholders also often conduct activities on Crown land reserves adjacent to waterways. This use is directly linked to significant social, cultural, and economic benefits fo

Strategic Plan priorities

The draft State Strategic Plan identifies four strategic priorities to guide Crown land management and inform the ways in which Crown land is used, and the activities, communities and environments it will support. These priorities are:

Priorities			
Enable jobs growth, commercial opportunities and sustainable economic progress in regional and rural NSW	Expand green space, sustainable quality of life and climate change resilience	Strengthen and support evolving community connections	Work with Aboriginal communities to realise the potential of their land rights

More information on these priorities is in [section 3.3 of the draft plan \(PDF\)](#).

Please provide your feedback

13. These are the best priorities for Crown land over the next 10 years. *

Please select
Strongly agree
Agree
Neutral
Disagree
Strongly disagree

14. Please rate each of the priorities from 'Very important' to 'Not important at all'.

Enable jobs growth, commercial opportunities and sustainable economic progress in regional and rural NSW.

Please select
Very important
Important
Neutral
Of minor importance
Not at all important

Expand green space, sustainable quality of life and climate change resilience

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Strengthen and support evolving community connections

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Work with Aboriginal communities to realise the potential of their land rights

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Do you believe that any changes should be made to these priorities, or are there any new priorities you would like to suggest?

Please provide details (1,500 characters):

RFNSW suggests that the long-term economic benefits that flow from the use and preservation of the natural values of crown land through tourism opportunities, social benefits and conservation of natural habitats supporting healthy waterways should be highlighted and given preference to short-term monetary gains from the sale or lease of Crown lands. In addition, the enduring social and health values of Crown lands should be recognised and given preference over any short-term economic gains.

The strategy would benefit from embracing a wider approach to regional growth through tourism and increased participation created by improved access to Crown land for activities such as fishing. Proposed commercialization and economic activity needs to be balanced with other non-developmental activities that rely on the natural environment. The long-term environmental, social and health benefits should be a key priority of the strategy.

Under the prevailing circumstances, maintaining and enhancing recreational fishing access would encourage growth and stimulate regional tourism in regions of NSW impacted by drought, fires and COVID restrictions.

There are relatively few opportunities for recreational fishing access in the Western Division of NSW due to limited and conflicting rules around access, e.g. unenforced lease conditions. There are also significant opportunities to work with aboriginal groups to enhance access, and thereby social and economic activities.



Strategic Plan outcomes

The draft State Strategic Plan identifies 15 outcomes to focus our practical efforts and enable us to deliver on the priorities of the plan. These 15 outcomes are mapped to the four priorities in the table below:

Priorities			
Enable jobs growth, commercial opportunities and sustainable economic progress in regional and rural NSW	Expand green space, sustainable quality of life and climate change resilience	Strengthen and support evolving community connections	Work with Aboriginal communities to realise the potential of their land rights

Outcomes			
Support innovative and sustainable regional industries	Prioritise the use of Crown land for green and open space in urban areas	Sustain the places where people come together	Make Aboriginal land transfers a priority – and see them as an opportunity
Expand regional tourism	Use Crown land to expand access to affordable housing	Partner with the organisations that serve our communities	Contribute to the ongoing recognition of native title rights
Assist new sustainable energy, resources and infrastructure projects	Support and restore environmental values on Crown land	Strengthen and uphold compliance to ensure a fair go	Explore co-management of land to generate mutual benefits
Facilitate investment on Crown land	Manage Crown land to build resilience in a changing climate		Collaborate with Aboriginal groups in each place to improve outcomes

More information on these outcomes is in [section 3.3 of the draft plan \(PDF\)](#).

Please provide your feedback

15. These are the best outcomes for Crown land over the next 10 years. *

Please select
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Agree
Neutral
Disagree
Strongly disagree

16. Please rate each of the outcomes from 'Very important' to 'Not at all important'.

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Collaborate with Aboriginal groups in each place to improve outcomes

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Do you believe that any changes should be made to these outcomes or would you like to suggest any other outcomes the department should address in the State Strategic Plan?

Please provide details (1,500 characters):

RFNSW is aware of hundreds if not thousands of compliance issues that have restricted the legal use of Crown lands by recreational fishers, or have resulted in the destruction of the natural values of our Crown land estate. Illegal use and occupation of Crown Lands has limited the legitimate use of Crown lands by fishers and reduced biodiversity.

RFNSW encourages an effective, well-resourced Crown Lands Compliance Unit within the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment to create an effective system for stakeholders to report infringements to access regulations and other issues for action related to Crown land.

RFNSW considers that proposed use of Crown lands for private business opportunities would clash with the essential long-term use of this land to maximise the essential environmental, social and cultural values. We are particularly concerned that commercialization of public land would create competing priorities, resulting in use of public lands for private business taking precedence over the essential, enduring values described above.

Expansion of green spaces will offer opportunities to anglers to enjoy the natural environment, not only in metropolitan but also in regional areas across NSW.

RFNSW requests the opportunity to comment (on behalf of all anglers in NSW) on any suggested changes to use or tenure of any Crown lands associated with waterways that could impact the ongoing social and cultural values of the land.

Strategic Plan enabling initiatives

The draft plan identifies seven enabling initiatives to support delivery against the strategic priorities and objectives of the plan. These enablers are:

- Make more of our information available and transparent
- Standardise leases and licensing for common activities
- Simplify licencing for domestic waterfront structures
- Reduce red tape for government entities managing Crown land
- Provide tools and resources to volunteer Crown land managers
- Build understanding of native title
- Engage and support a new generation of Crown land managers

More information on these enablers is in [section 4 of the draft plan \(PDF\)](#).

Please provide your feedback

17. These are the best enablers to support delivery of the plan. *

Please select
Strongly agree
Agree
Neutral
Disagree
Strongly disagree

18. Please rate each of the enablers from 'Very important' to 'Not at all important'.

Make more of our information available and transparent

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Do you believe that any changes should be made to these enabling initiatives, or are there any other enabling initiatives you would like to suggest?

Please provide details (1,500 characters):

RFNSW is supportive of a "free" mapping system that identifies all Crown lands so the public is provided with the opportunity to exercise their rights of access. A comprehensive identification process and promotional platform, such as that used in New Zealand, would allow anglers to see where they can access Crown lands otherwise 'hidden' from public view. RFNSW members also consider that because the location of many Crown lands is generally unknown many of them have been abused through illegal occupation, or simply neglected.

RFNSW is aware of stakeholders who have requested that local fishing groups become land managers under the Crown Lands Trust system. These community-based groups are motivated but often prevented from applying to manage what are often unmanaged lands for their community and the state of NSW. Stakeholders have expressed frustration at the lack of access to the Department of Planning, Industry & Environment to discuss opportunities or issues. RFNSW requests the Department to develop a transparent communication system for our stakeholders.

RFNSW asks that right of access to Crown land is always maintained when considering a lease or license so that the multi use can be established.

RFNSW seeks the waiver of licensing fees for artificial reefs or other infrastructure developed to increase fishing opportunities as those works provide social, economic and environmental benefits to the State..

Other feedback

19. Please provide any other comments about the draft State Strategic Plan for Crown land.

Please provide details (1,500 characters):

20. Where did you hear about the State Strategic Plan? *

Please select all that apply:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Social media
<input type="checkbox"/>	Print media
<input type="checkbox"/>	Radio
<input type="checkbox"/>	Google search
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Crown Lands website
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ad in local paper
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Correspondence from the department
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other

Other

If you selected Other, please provide details (1,500 characters):

You cannot complete your submission until you indicate your confidentiality preference below.

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Semi-public	<i>I would like my submission to be published but want my name and contact details to be confidential and not published</i>
Public	<i>Please publish my submission including my name and contact details</i>

Privacy & confidentiality

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Red Rock Preservation Association

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7. Suburb *

Red Rock

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10. Email *

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Other

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Maybe a statement of how the RRPA has been closely involved in the collaborate management & care of Reserves in Red Rock, through Lancare and other activities - working closely with the NSW Crwon lands department and the various appointed Reserve Managers over time.

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Crown Lands website
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ad in local paper
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Your reference: SSP Crown land

Reference: 026-20 SJ

Tuesday, 22 September 2020

Re: Draft State Strategic Plan – A Vision for Crown Land

To whom it may concern,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft State Strategic Plan – A Vision for Crown Land.

The Sydney Coastal Councils Group (SCCG) is a regional organisation of Councils that advances sustainable management of Sydney's urban coastal and estuarine environment. We currently comprise nine member Councils who represent 1.3 million Sydneysiders. Our key goals include that:

- People and places adapt to a changing climate and future shocks and stressors
- Waterways and the foreshore are protected and healthier and
- There is a collaborative, effective and consistent approach to coastal and estuarine management.

Vision of resilient, sustainable and prosperous communities

The SCCG strongly supports the vision embodied in the Plan for Crown land to support resilient, sustainable and prosperous communities across NSW. Greater guidance from the NSW Government should be developed to assist councils realise economic and commercial opportunities and build resilience in communities. The SCCG also commends the recognition in the Plan of the importance of expanding green space, sustainable quality of life and climate change resilience and the intent to strengthen and support evolving community connections.

Role of Local Government in building climate change resilience

We note the recognition of Crown land often being positioned at the interface between natural hazards and sensitive land uses (e.g. coasts, waterways, riverbeds and peri-urban bushland). This positioning for building climate change resilience and the important role played by Local Government should be emphasised in the Plan and linked to enabling mechanisms for Local Government as Crown land managers.

The SCCG notes the intent of the Plan to work with Local Government to simplify licensing of private jetties and wharves on Crown land whilst retaining the technical and environmental assessments. The review process should also consider climate change resilience of these structures and opportunities to provide enhanced biodiversity benefits such as through living seawalls.

Actions to mitigate climate change risk

The Plan states there will be a range of ways that Crown land can be managed to mitigate climate change risks. However, we believe the plan should present more specific actions in working with State agencies and Local Government that will mitigate climate change risk.

The Plan should address how the impacts of sea level rise will be planned for and managed and provide guidance to Crown land managers, such as Local Government to ensure adaptable responses to the dynamic risk environment for Coastal NSW going forward.

Another key example of specific actions needed to mitigate climate change risk is the management of intermittently closed and open lakes and lagoons in response to coincidence flooding and climate change impacts of ocean inundation. The Plan should make provision for the NSW Government to work proactively with agencies and Local Government regarding approaches to adaptation options such as dredging and tidal gates.

Alignment of strategy and policy

Our member councils manage areas of Crown land in coastal urban areas. The SCCG notes the objectives in the Plan to address regulatory or policy obstacles to using Crown land within council managed areas as green or open space and to engage and enable councils to make improvements that benefit the local community and the environmental values on Crown land. There is also a significant opportunity to align the Plan with other current NSW State Government strategic planning initiatives such as the Green Design Guide and contribute to the blue-green grid and the restoration of degraded land.

Greater promotion and adoption of water sensitive urban design

The SCCG considers there is more potential for water sensitive urban design (WSUD) to be adopted on Crown land parcels to manage runoff entering waterways which would contribute to improving water quality more broadly across catchments. The Plan should seek to enable Local Government Crown land managers to implement WSUD and other environmental improvement initiatives. In this regard, simplifying approvals for Local Government councils to conduct low-risk activities including construction and maintenance of water and sewer systems is highly supported.

The SCCG looks forward to facilitating engagement of its member councils in further consultation, particularly in enhancing community connections and contributing to development of the operational plan.

If you have any queries, please contact me by email

at [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely,



Sarah P Joyce
Executive Officer

Complete this form to give feedback on the draft State Strategic Plan for Crown land. When complete, please return it to us by midnight Thursday 20 August 2020, either by email to cl.enquiries@crowmland.nsw.gov.au or by post to PO Box 2155, DANGAR NSW 2309.

Making your submission public

We collect information about you, which may include personal information, to assess submissions in response to Crown land dealings and activities, and to perform other functions required to complete the project. This information must be supplied. If you choose not to provide the requested information, we may not be able to assess your submission.

To promote transparency and an open government, we intend to make all submissions publicly available on our website, or in reports. Your name or your organisation's name may appear in these reports with your feedback attributed.

If you would like your submission and/or feedback to be kept confidential, please let us know when making your submission. You will be asked for your confidentiality preference at the end of this form.

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Important information about this form

The fields marked with an asterisk * are mandatory and must be completed in order to submit the form.

Activity

Name of Activity

State Strategic Plan for Crown Land

Our Reference:

SSP Crown Land

Please provide your details

1. First name *

Sarah

2. Last name *

Joyce

4. Are you completing this survey as part of an organisation? *

If 'Yes' is selected, complete details in Q.5

Yes No Prefer not to say

5. Organisation

If you answered 'Yes' to Q.4

Sydney Coastal Councils Group

6. Postal/street address *

7. Suburb *

Manly

8. State *

NSW

9. Postcode *

1655

10. Email *

11. Which of the following options best indicates your current or past use or interest in Crown land in New South Wales? *

Please select all that apply

<input type="checkbox"/>	I am a Crown land manager
<input type="checkbox"/>	I am a Showground society manager
<input type="checkbox"/>	I am involved with a community or volunteer group that uses or maintains Crown land facilities
<input type="checkbox"/>	I am a member of a Commonwealth or state peak body with operations on Crown land
<input type="checkbox"/>	I have a lease to use Crown land
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<input type="checkbox"/>	I use Crown land for my business
<input type="checkbox"/>	I am an Aboriginal Land claimant over areas of Crown land
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<input type="checkbox"/>	I use Crown land when travelling away from home or visiting other places
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12. What use/s of Crown land do you value? *

Please select all that apply:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Open or green space
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Coastal interface

Strategic Plan priorities

The draft State Strategic Plan identifies four strategic priorities to guide Crown land management and inform the ways in which Crown land is used, and the activities, communities and environments it will support. These priorities are:

Priorities			
Enable jobs growth, commercial opportunities and sustainable economic progress in regional and rural NSW	Expand green space, sustainable quality of life and climate change resilience	Strengthen and support evolving community connections	Work with Aboriginal communities to realise the potential of their land rights

More information on these priorities is in [section 3.3 of the draft plan \(PDF\)](#).

Please provide your feedback

13. These are the best priorities for Crown land over the next 10 years. *

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14. Please rate each of the priorities from 'Very important' to 'Not important at all'.

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<p>The priorities provide for appropriate economic, environmental, social and cultural outcomes. The outcomes envisaged under each priority are comprehensive and the mechanisms for engagement with relevant stakeholders are discussed in some detail. However, specific actions need to be developed to demonstrate how the outcomes will be achieved. More details should be provided in Section 7 What's Next about the next steps and process for further developing, finalising and implementing the Plan, beyond consultation for the current exhibition period.</p>
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The enabling initiatives appear to be comprehensive in providing for information flow, engagement of stakeholders and capacity building.

Other feedback

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Council reference: ECM#11479069

The Hon. Rob Stokes MP
Minister for Planning and Public Spaces

19 August 2020

Shellharbour City Council Submission – Crown Lands Draft State Strategic Plan

Dear Minister

Shellharbour City Council (SCC) welcomes the opportunity to make this submission to the Crown Lands draft Strategic Plan. This submission was prepared by Council staff and has not been endorsed by the full Council due to the timeframe available for comment.

It is noted that the draft State Strategic Plan has been prepared to set the vision, priorities and overarching strategy for the management of Crown land in NSW, including the outcomes that are expected to be achieved by implementation of the plan, and the timeframes for achieving those outcomes. With the majority of the management of Crown Land Reserves being transferred to local councils under the Crown Lands Management Act 2016 as Crown Land Managers, the draft strategic plan while much needed, provides insufficient acknowledgement nor reference to support or financial assistance to the increased maintenance and regulatory burden on local Councils.

This submission details the following key comments on the draft Strategic Plan, followed by a table referring to specific sections of the plan that Council has comment on.

Local Council's role as Crown Land Managers and preparing Plans of Management for Crown Reserves

Since the introduction of the Crown Lands Management Act 2016, along with other NSW Local Councils, SCC has had to resource contractors and increase existing staff workloads to prepare plans of management for 15 Crown Reserves. The \$30,000 provided to Council from the Crown to assist with this additional work, is an insufficient amount compared to the resourcing that is required for the Crown Reserves as most of them are in coastal locations, some extremely significant in terms of environmental, cultural and social characteristics. This work load has been escalated too by the Native Title process which is confusing and time consuming impacting on the 30 June 2021 deadline for Councils to have adopted plans of management for all the Crown Reserves.

It is suggested that the draft strategic plan requires more consideration to the role local Councils play as Crown Land Managers and looks at ways to further support Councils to manage reserves and prepare plans of management. Local Councils would benefit from having key expert Crown Land contacts to assist Councils in the role that has been placed upon them.

Funding for ongoing management and maintenance on Crown Reserves

SCC to date have received funds from the Crown Lands Management Fund and the Shellharbour Beachside Caravan Park (Crown Reserve) to assist with the ongoing environmental and asset management of Crown Reserves, however, there is still a shortfall of funding available to manage the Crown Reserves in a sustainable way.

While SCC respects and acknowledges the importance and seriousness of considering Land Claims and Native title across the local government area including Crown Reserves, it is difficult to meet 12 month timeframes for spending grant funding on sites/projects applicable for funding under the Crown Lands Management Fund due to the length of time it takes for the assessment and approval process of Aboriginal site assessments and Native title.

It is hopeful that the strategic plan will be successful in implementing ways to not only support crown land managers in this respect but also provide certainty and simplification in attaining funds that will secure ongoing maintenance of crown reserves.

Enable jobs growth, commercial opportunities and sustainable economic progress in regional and rural NSW (Priority 3.3.1)

The draft strategic plan in its current form, particularly Priority 3.3.1, could possibly be seen as an opportunity for allowing an increase of commercialisation of the Crown Land Estate. Council and the community at large need to be involved early in any proposal for this type of development on Crown land. Utilising Crown land (some of which contains significant environmental, cultural and heritage values) to create jobs and boost the economy could potentially be in conflict with the long-term sustainability of specific areas and the intent that Crown Land is set aside for the health and wellbeing of communities.

Implementation of expanding tourism, assisting in infrastructure projects and facilitating investment on Crown land needs to be a collaborative approach with all stakeholders including but not limited to, local Aboriginal communities and organisations, environmental experts and local councils.

Lack of European heritage considerations

Seven out of the 15 Crown Reserves Shellharbour City contain a local heritage item or are part of a Heritage Conservation Area. The draft strategic plan provides very limited discussion of the priority to preserve European heritage significance.

Preserving biodiversity

As Crown land covers 42% of all land in New South Wales, preserving biodiversity should be a key priority when looking at the management of Crown land.

Competing issues of green space vs more affordable housing

Within the priority of *Expand green space, sustainable quality of life and climate change resilience*, two of the outcomes are: *Prioritise the use of Crown land for green and open space in urban areas*, and *Use Crown land to expand access to affordable housing*. These two outcomes could be competing issues and greater clarity is required in the strategy on these matters.

Table 1 below provides further comments on specific sections of the Draft Strategic Plan.

TABLE 1 Comments on specific sections of Draft Strategic Plan	
Section within draft strategic plan	Council comment
2.2.3 Some Crown land is managed by others.	
<i>In some cases, Crown land is managed by individuals or entities who have the capability, interest and resources to care for the land. For example, many local government councils manage Crown land within their council areas.</i>	This assumes that all local Councils have the “capability, interest and resources” to care for and manage Crown Land Reserves. While Crown Land Reserves were legislatively transferred to Local Councils there was insufficient resourcing or assistance offered to Councils in taking on the additional responsibilities.
2.4 NSW has unique additional Aboriginal land rights.	Agreed. The Aboriginal Land Claims process is complex and has not progressed. Resolution of ALC would significantly benefit not only Aboriginal people, Aboriginal Land Councils but also Local Councils.
2.5 New Approaches are needed to secure Aboriginal rights to Crown Land	This draft plan includes as one of its key priorities the development of new approaches between the Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal bodies who may have legal rights to Crown land. This will help resolve uncertainties and enable land to be used for maximum benefit.
SECTION 3 What we seek to achieve with this plan	
3.2 Crown Land supports resilient, sustainable and prosperous communities	
Point 2 Support the network of Crown land managers across NSW.	<p>To date, Councils have received insufficient support or financial assistance from Crown Lands in relation to taking on management and care of Crown Reserves including the preparation of Plans of Management and consideration of Native Title.</p> <p>Timeframes for spending grant funding under the Crown Lands Management Fund needs to be extended past 12 months due to the length of time it takes for the assessment and approval process of Aboriginal site assessments and Native title on sites and or projects applicable for funding.</p> <p>Council would benefit from increased support in the form of an appointed Crown Land contact and regular updates on guidelines and practice notes.</p>

3.3 PRIORITIES FOR CROWN LAND	
3.3.1. Enable jobs growth, commercial opportunities and sustainable economic progress in regional and rural NSW	
<p>General comments This priority could potentially be at odds with “Support and restore environmental values on Crown Land” and therefore needs to be carefully managed. This issue needs further clarification in the finalised strategic plan.</p>	
Expand regional tourism	<p><i>Leverage the economic benefits of national parks</i> – consideration of the environment and the potential of accommodation and recreation opportunities at the interface of a National Park is not mentioned.</p> <p><i>Conducting a portfolio review in collaboration with the tourism industry</i> - Conducting a portfolio review or considering other opportunities on Crown Land reserves that are managed by local council needs to be a collaborative process, involving local councils in the first instance.</p>
Assist new sustainable energy resources and infrastructure projects	Council supports the Crown seeking opportunities for sustainable energy resources and infrastructure projects however, more clarity about the types of investment projects needs to be provided.
Facilitate investment on Crown Land	<p>More clarity about the types of investment projects on Crown land needs to be provided in the finalised strategic plan.</p> <p>Environmental sustainability needs to be clearly promoted in the objectives of the finalised strategic plan.</p>
3.3.2. Expand green space, sustainable quality of life and climate change resilience	
Prioritise the use of Crown Land for green and open space in urban areas	<p>There needs to be criteria to ensure that any expansion of Crown Land for additional open space is useable and fit for purpose. Adding land without this consideration will put additional management resource burdens on Councils.</p> <p>In the third sentence (page 40, third paragraph) – instead of removing red tape, the plan should support due diligence and process reform. The objective should be to “undertake due diligence and enhance the mechanisms through which Councils can make improvements to Crown Land”</p>
Use Crown land to expand access to for affordable housing	<p>This will raise competing issues of prioritising green space and providing more land for affordable housing. More information on where Crown thinks this approach maybe applicable would be useful.</p> <p>Consider the suitability of this topic within Section 3.3.2 – it may belong in 3.3.1</p>
Support and restore environmental values on Crown Land.	Utilising high environmental value Crown land for offset credits and conservation agreements have the potential to become a source of ongoing funding to care for and conserve the land

	and its biodiversity in perpetuity. This is supported, as long as it can be ensured that any financial benefit goes towards ongoing management.
Manage Crown land to build resilience in a changing climate.	Local Aboriginal Land Councils should be included in this, or they should have their own section. Crown Land Managers should be seeking the wisdom of Aboriginal communities for traditional land management techniques, this can be used in conjunction with the specialist expertise mentioned in the plan.
3.3.3 Strengthen and support evolving community connections	
Sustain places where people come together e.g. showgrounds in bushfire	<p>For some local Councils such as Shellharbour, the showground is not Crown Land. Could the plan expand beyond Showgrounds and consider other Crown Land Parcels for the development of an emergency refuge and community facilities.</p> <p>The development of policies and materials that enable multi-use and shared development of community hubs located on Crown land will need close consultation with Council and relevant planning and environmental legislation.</p> <p><i>Sustain the thriving community life of our beaches</i> - No mention of environmental protection, management or enhancing in order to sustain beach amenity and environmental services.</p>
3.3.4. Work with Aboriginal communities to realise the potential their land rights	
Make Aboriginal land transfers a priority and see them as an opportunity.	Council welcomes Aboriginal land transfers as a priority, however, more detail of how this will be achieved is required in the plan.
Contribute to the ongoing recognition of native title rights	Crown Land Managers need more help with this issue, more assistance in this with training for staff who are involved with considering native title along with updated guidance and practice notes.
SECTION 4 Enabling initiatives will support delivery of the plan.	
4.1 Make more of our information available and transparent	<p>One source of truth for Crown data would be helpful. Councils experience during the plan of management process has identified a number of inconsistencies that take significant resourcing and time to resolve.</p> <p>Updating data and mapping would provide the opportunity for improved identification of threatened species, ecological endangered communities within our Crown land reserves assisting with environment and land management techniques including pest management.</p>
4.3 Expand support to Crown Land Managers	Council welcomes an expansion of support to Crown land managers in both the development and implementation plans of management. This includes ongoing funding for maintenance and upgrades.

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Shellharbour City Council thanks Crown Lands for the opportunity to provide comment on the Crown land draft Strategic Plan and would welcome further consultation prior to finalisation of the strategic plan.

Please contact [REDACTED] if you have any questions regarding this submission.

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