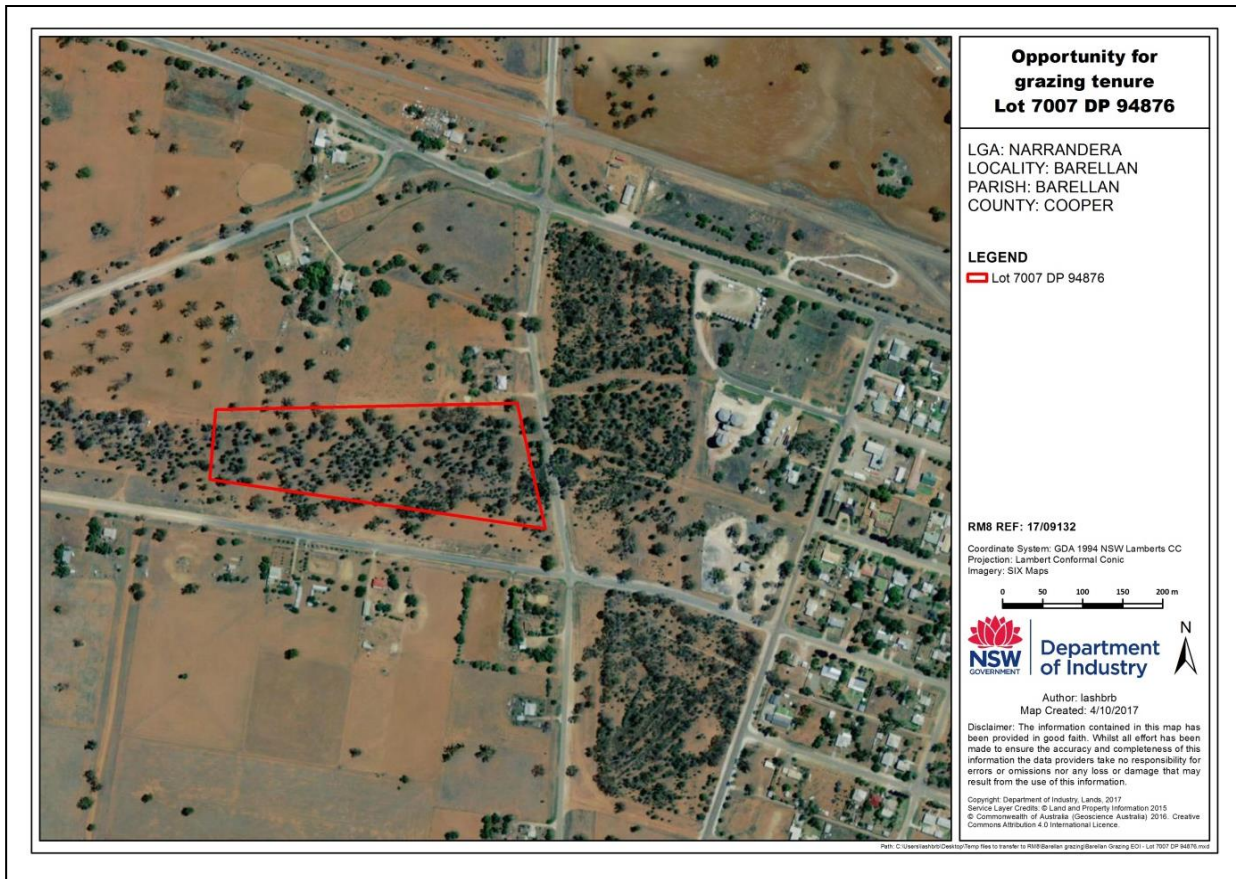




Grazing Opportunity for Crown Land at Barellan

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Information for intending applicants



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Introduction

This information package provides an overview of the application process for proponents intending to lodge an Expression of Interest for a grazing licence over Crown land. The package describes the subject Crown land

The site

The site comprises 4.822ha near Barellan being lot 7007 DP 94876. Legal access to the site is via Martin Road.

Proposed tenure

The Department is prepared to grant a licence over the site for the purpose of grazing. The licence is to commence as at the date the licence is executed by the Minister's delegated officer.

The legislative authority for granting of the new licence by Department of Industry – Crown Lands is in accordance with the provisions of the *Crown Lands Act 1989*.

Inspection

Applicants may wish to inspect the site prior to submitting an Expression of Interest (EOI). Applicants should consider the current condition of fencing, the presence of weeds, and any other land management issues at the site when submitting their EOI.

Confidentiality of information

All applications will remain the property of this Department. This Department will treat the contents of the applications as "commercial-in-confidence".

Selection criteria

The following selection criteria will be used by the selection committee when making their recommendation on EOI submissions (not necessarily in order of priority):

1. **Proposed use of Crown land** (e.g. details of proposed use, particulars of any existing or proposed structures required to supplement use, if used in conjunction with adjoining land or as a 'stand-alone' parcel of land and any other information relation to the use of Crown land).

2. The **type of stock, stocking rate and grazing system** intended to be applied to the land.
3. Immediate **management issues** considered to be a priority (e.g. weeds, soil degradation, firewood collection, feral animals, waste dumping, native species and soil or gravel removal).
4. If the parcel of land has a **creek/river** (or any other 'waterbody'), and whether it is fenced off to exclude stock access.
5. Applicants **experience in land management** and their ability to ensure ongoing appropriate management of the parcel of land.
6. Proposed **Drought Management Strategy** (including measures to maintain acceptable groundcover during drought conditions eg. de-stocking, restricted grazing, sale, agistment or supplementary feeding).
7. Proposed **Bushfire Hazard Reduction Plan** (under the NSW *Rural Fires Act 1997*, landholders are required to take the necessary steps to prevent the occurrence and spread of bushfires).
8. Current **fencing condition** and the intended maintenance/replacement program (boundary fences are to contain stock and any maintenance/replacement requires negotiation with adjoining landholder).

In addition to these criteria, consideration will also be given to the annual rental offered by the applicant.

Rental offer

Rent for this grazing Licence is required to be paid annually. Applicants must submit an annual rental offer to support their application.

The recommendation of the selection committee will be determined with regard to the rental amount offered, in addition to the responses to the selection criteria listed above.

After being selected, the successful landholder will be required to pay the annual rental amount offered in their application, subject to CPI & GST increases.

Applicants should also be aware that the licence holder will also be responsible for the payment of any Council rates applicable to the licence area. These will be determined by the relevant Council on notification of a licence being granted.

PLEASE NOTE: The minimum rental offer that will be accepted by Crown Lands for this grazing licence is \$483.00 per year.

Lodgement

To lodge a Licence: Grazing EOI Application form, click [here](#). This will take you to an online application form and includes the land management strategy and rental offer.

Alternatively, if you require a hardcopy application form, please enquire with the listed contact or relevant Crown Lands office.

All submissions must be received no later than the time and date nominated for closing. If sending an application by post or direct delivery, completed submissions must be placed in a sealed envelope and clearly marked:

Department of Industry – Crown Lands
Grazing Opportunity at Barellan EOI
PO Box PO Box 2185
DANGAR NSW 2309

If sending by email, completed submissions should be sent to: griffith.crownlands@crowmland.nsw.gov.au, with the subject heading 'Grazing Opportunity at Barellan EOI'.

Closing date and time

Applications close on 03/11/2017 by COB (4:30 pm).

Selection process

1. Receipt of all formal EOI submissions by closing date.
2. All submissions will be evaluated by a selection committee with recommendations made as to the successful applicant or a short listing of a number of suitable applicants.
3. If required, negotiation of final licensing arrangements will be made with short listed applicants, in order of merit, as determined by the selection committee.
4. Final recommendation will be made by the selection committee which will require the approval of the Minister's delegated officer.
5. All applicants will be notified in writing of the outcome. The successful applicant will be required to pay a licence application fee of \$383.60 and one year's rent in advance.
6. The proposal will be abandoned if submissions are considered to be below the standard required.

Enquiries

Any enquires should be directed to:

Melva Robb / Group Leader, Griffith and Hay

Department of Industry – Crown Lands

Griffith Office

Telephone: 02 6960 1341

Email: melva.robb@crowmland.nsw.gov.au

Standard licence conditions

- Grazing Licence – Your standard terms and conditions.

Special licence conditions

1. Fencing/Fencing on Termination

You acknowledge that You have read Clause 13 entitled Fences and Gates, and whether separately or jointly with other lands in the same interest and are responsible for maintaining fencing to a stock proof standard throughout the term of the Licence.

Note: Licence area is not required to be fenced out while under Licence, however on termination any fencing required must be erected prior to termination, to the satisfaction of the Minister or his delegate.

2. Crown road to remain available for public access (if required)

You must not impeded or interfere with the public rights of passage that exist with respect to any Crown road, whether such rights be exercised on foot, in a vehicle.

3. Land Subject to Aboriginal Land Claims (ALC)

The land is subject to a claim pursuant to the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983 (ALR Act 1983), being Claim number 35233 lodged with the Aboriginal Land Rights Registrar on 13 November 2011. Should investigations reveal that the land was claimable Crown land within the meaning of the ALRA when the claim was made the land will be granted to the relevant Aboriginal Land Council and the licence will be terminated from the date of the grant.

Except as may be expressly provided for in this licence You acknowledge and agree that You will not be entitled to any compensation, costs or damages, in respect of the termination/variation of this licence by operation of this clause.

4. Limits on Stock

The Holder will not permit more stock than is specified in the Land Management Strategy to graze the land at any one time, or to be situated on the land or such part thereof, without the written consent of the Minister.

5. Overstocking 70% foliage cover

(a) You must maintain groundcover vegetation at greater than 70% foliage cover.

(b) Where the Minister is of the opinion that You are overstocking either the whole or part of the Land, the Minister may from time to time direct You by notice in writing that the number and type of stock that may be Depastured on the Land or such part as may be describe in the notice shall not exceed the number and type of stock specified in the notice and You will ensure that the number and type of stock so specified shall not be exceeded.

6. Overstocking

1. The Minister will regarding overstocking to be occurring when the land shows obvious signs of overgrazing.
2. Indications that overgrazing could be occurring are when one or more of the following are apparent:
 - fence-line effects
 - practically no edible vegetation remains in a paddock, lease or property
 - perennial grass butts are being eaten to the grounds surface
 - the proportion of unpalatable species present are increasing
 - perennial bushes are defoliating through browse pressure
 - shrubs exhibiting an obvious graze line effect
 - visible soil erosion (water and/or wind)
 - increased watering point footprint
 - animals are dying or in danger of dying

Please note that additional special licence conditions may apply once grazing licence has been processed.

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