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Please see attached submission from Howlong Town Common Inc in relation to the Comprehensive review of NSW Crown Land Management.

Please forward any response to [deleted]

Kind regards

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Comprehensive Review of NSW Crown Land Management

The Howlong Town Common Trust welcomes the Minister's proposal to recognize and protect the value of Commons.

The present Trust Board of the Howlong Town Common values the three purposes of the Common as Crown Land namely a Common for grazing cattle, a common that can be used for community purposes and a Common that protects our cultural and environmental values. These three purposes are well documented in our annual reports which have been forwarded to the Department of Industry – Lands along with our audited annual finance statements.

We do not intend to re-present these documents since they are already available to all our members and stakeholders. Suffice to say that the values noted in Mr Clarke's letter are represented in our dynamic approach to the management to our Common. In addition, it should be noted that the Howlong Town Common Trust Board has for the past 6 years contained at least one Trustee who is not a cattle owner. This has ensured that the community interests are represented in the form of easy access to the largest Common to members of the community for recreational and other purposes.

We believe that the proposal sufficiently recognizes the significance of Commons, that there is an ongoing role for Common Trusts and that the proposal protects the environmental, social, culture and economic value of the Commons and that the proposal benefits the local community environmentally, socially, culturally and economically. Additionally we consider our Trust Board already embraces the role of 'land managers' and look to continue doing so into the future.

Yours faithfully

Ray McLaughlin
Chairperson, Howlong Town Common Trust