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### **NSW GOVERNMENT SIMPLIFIES CROWN LAND LAWS**

The NSW Government has passed the *Crown Land Legislation Amendment Bill*, to improve and streamline legislation for the Crown estate, bringing seven separate pieces of legislation together into one.

Minister for Lands and Forestry Paul Toole said it's the final step in delivering modern Crown land legislation across the State.

"In November 2016, Parliament passed the *Crown Land Management Act* after a comprehensive review of all Crown land legislation, a parliamentary inquiry and extensive community consultation," Mr Toole said.

"These landmark reforms will ensure the Crown estate continues to provide social, economic, environment and cultural heritage benefits to the people of NSW.

"This is about simplifying Crown land legislation. It's absolutely wrong to say it's about selling Crown land and Labor should apologise for this lie.

"This is about ensuring all other legislation relating to Crown land is up to date and consistent with the new Act."

The Bill will simplify the management of Crown roads and provide flexible payment options for land owners wanting to acquire Crown roads.

"As part of our commitment to reduce red tape and double handling, this Bill gives councils the power to manage local roads without requiring State Government approval," Mr Toole said.

The Bill will also incorporate relevant provisions of the *Public Reserves Management Fund Act 1987*.

Vital support for improving Crown reserves across NSW will continue through the renamed and more flexible Crown Reserves Improvement Fund.

"This will ensure Crown land managers can continue to access financial support to look after our precious Crown estate," Mr Toole said.

For more information on the *Crown Land Management Amendment Bill* and the *Crown Land Management Act* visit [www.crownland.nsw.gov.au](http://www.crownland.nsw.gov.au)