

Q When will community engagement be required under the new Community Engagement Strategy?

A To ensure resources are used responsibly—and Department of Industry, Crown Lands & Water staff and non-council Crown land managers can reasonably comply with the requirements of the Community Engagement Strategy—it is important that engagement activities are proportionate and focus on the type of Crown land dealings and activities that matter most to the community.

Under the requirements of the draft Community Engagement Strategy, engagement about Crown land will generally occur where a proposed dealing or activity is likely to have an adverse impact on current community use and enjoyment of Crown land.

The current community use and enjoyment trigger applies to all eligible Crown land the community currently uses and enjoys and expects to continue to be able to use and enjoy.

Q Will the community be engaged about every Crown land dealing and activity under the new Community Engagement Strategy?

A No, it would not be practical to engage the community about every Crown land dealing or activity.

The Community Engagement Strategy only requires engagement on certain Crown land dealings and activities; for example, a sale or lease.

It does not apply to strategic, policy-related or future uses of Crown land such as land allocation, with the exception of engagement about the State Strategic Plan for Crown land.

Q Does the Community Engagement Strategy specify minimum engagement requirements for each dealing and activity?

A Yes, the Community Engagement Strategy describes the general engagement requirements as well as the *mandatory minimum engagement requirements* for each in-scope dealing and activity, where it is assessed as having an adverse impact on current community use and enjoyment of a site.

Q Does the Community Engagement Strategy specify different levels of engagement for each dealing and activity?

- A Yes, it does. Once department staff and non-council Crown land managers have assessed whether a proposed dealing or activity will have an impact on current community use and enjoyment, the Community Engagement Strategy requires an assessment of whether the likely level of impact of the proposed dealing or activity will be *minimal*, *moderate* or *high* so that engagement activities can be selected to suit.
- Department staff and non-council Crown land managers will calculate the likely level of impact using a set of weighted criteria set out in the Community Engagement Guidance and Resources toolkit.

Q What type of engagement activities does the Community Engagement Strategy contain?

- A The Community Engagement Strategy contains a range of *inform*, *consult* and *participate* engagement approaches to match the likely level of impact on current community use and enjoyment and to suit a range of local circumstances and communities.
- Inform engagement activities include website notification, local newspaper advertisements, fact sheets, FAQs and site signage.
- Consult engagement activities include community information events, online forums, submissions forms and surveys.
- Participate engagement activities include targeted meetings, interactive workshops, onsite 'walkshops' and community advisory or consultative committees.

Q What is meant by ‘Crown land dealings and activities’?

A The term Crown land **dealings** refers to:

- sales
- leases
- licences
- vestings.

The term Crown land **activities** refers to:

- revocations of reservations or dedications or changes to a purpose for dedicated or reserved Crown lands
- plans of management
- State Strategic Plan for Crown lands.

The phrase ‘Crown land dealings and activities’ is used often throughout the Community Engagement Strategy and Community Engagement Guidance and Resources documents to refer collectively to these land use management terms.

Q What Crown land dealings and activities are included in the Community Engagement Strategy?

A The following Crown land dealings and activities fall within the scope of the Community Engagement Strategy:

- changing, removing or adding reservations and dedications
- licences
- leases
- vestings
- sales
- plans of management
- State Strategic Plan for Crown land.

Q What Crown land dealings and activities are excluded from the Community Engagement Strategy?

A The following types of dealings and activities are excluded from the Community Engagement Strategy:

- **Local councils**

- Any dealings or activities on Crown land that is managed by local council Crown land managers, as they must comply with the detailed community engagement requirements of the *Local Government Act 1993*

- **Native title**

- Any dealings, activities or transfers of land in accordance with, and following a determination of, native title or a direction under section 31 of the *Native Title Act 1993*
- Any dealings, activities or transfers of land in accordance with an Indigenous Land Use Agreement under the *Native Title Act 1993*

- **Land transfers under other Acts**

- Transfers of land under or in accordance with the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983*
- Vesting of land under the *Government Property NSW Act 2006*
- Acquisition of Crown land by government agencies and local councils where the right to acquire land arises under other legislation such as the *Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991*

- **Roads Act dealings**

- Sale of Crown roads under the *Roads Act 1993*
- Licences, permits and other authorisations for Crown roads under the *Roads Act 1993*.