

DRAFT COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY: A NEW APPROACH TO ENGAGING ABOUT CROWN LAND

Overview of the draft Community Engagement Strategy

PURPOSE OF THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY

The Community Engagement Strategy offers a new approach to engaging about Crown land in NSW.

It has been developed by the Department of Industry, Crown Lands & Water to provide a framework for community engagement on decisions about Crown land.

WHY THE STRATEGY WAS DEVELOPED

The Community Engagement Strategy is a statutory requirement of the new *Crown Land Management Act 2016*.

It will be used by department staff and non-council Crown land managers (current reserve trust managers that are not local councils) to support community engagement about a range of Crown land actions—from certain types of licences and leases, to sales and the preparation of plans of management.

The Community Engagement Strategy is supported by a tailored Community Engagement Guidance and Resources toolkit that contains practical, step-by-step guidance to support department staff and non-council Crown land managers as they carry out engagement.

Together, these documents provide a solid foundation for reliable, practical and real-world engagement about Crown land.

HOW THE STRATEGY WAS DEVELOPED

The Community Engagement Strategy has been developed by the department with input from community groups, peak body organisations, government agencies, and reserve board trusts and councils.

While it was being prepared, the department also took into consideration submissions to the Crown Land Management Review White Paper and through the Parliamentary Inquiry into Crown land.

WHY THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY IS IN DRAFT FORM

Both the Community Engagement Strategy and Community Engagement Guidance and Resources are still in draft form and on public exhibition from **Monday 16 October to Sunday 26 November 2017**.

The responses received during the public exhibition and submissions process will be a valuable addition to the input provided by community groups and Crown land stakeholders during development of both documents.

We encourage everyone with an interest in Crown land to review the draft documents, come to a community information 'drop in' session, visit the NSW Government Have Your Say website or Department of Industry, Crown Lands & Water website, and consider making a submission before the documents are finalised and adopted by the Minister prior to the commencement of the Act in 2018.





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WHEN ENGAGEMENT ABOUT CROWN LAND IS REQUIRED BY THE STRATEGY

Under the Community Engagement Strategy, it is proposed that engagement about Crown land occurs where a proposed dealing or activity is assessed as having a negative impact on current community use and enjoyment. The engagement requirements of the Community Engagement Strategy will apply to the following Crown land dealings and activities:

- 1 Changing, removing or adding reserves and dedications
- 2 Licences
- 3 Leases
- 4 Vestings
- 5 Sales
- 6 Plans of management
- 7 State strategic plan for Crown land.

For an explanation of these terms, please see the related [Crown land dealings and activities fact sheet](#).

USING THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY

The Community Engagement Strategy will be used by most people responsible for managing Crown land under the new *Crown Land Management Act 2016*.

This includes the Minister for Lands and Forestry, Secretary and staff of the Department of Industry, Crown Lands & Water, and non-council Crown land managers.

The Community Engagement Strategy is also a valuable resource for the community.

It provides certainty and transparency about which Crown land dealings and activities department staff and non-council Crown land managers will engage about, when and how engagement will occur, and the range of engagement activities that will be used.

FINALISATION OF THE STRATEGY

The Community Engagement Strategy must be signed off by the Minister before it can be adopted. It is expected that final versions of both documents will be published on the department website prior to the new *Crown Land Management Act 2016* being adopted in 2018.

MORE INFORMATION

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For more information:



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