

**Submission**

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**CONSULTATION ON THE MODERN  
MANAGEMENT OF COMMONS**

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Date: Tue, Feb 21, 2017 at 3:43 PM

Subject: Submission from Yetman Common Trust

Dear Crownland Dept NSW,

My name is Deborah Hill and I am the Secretary of the Yetman Common Trust. On behalf of the other board members of our trust I would like to comment on the updated proposal for commons management.

After reading a considerable amount of information on the Crownlands website I was rather confused as to whether the local council would be likely to take control of our common or if we would be able to retain control. I have now read the Comprehensive Review of NSW Crown Land Management - Recognising and protecting the values of commons and have greater certainty that our local common may continue to be managed by our common trust.

*1. Does the proposal sufficiently recognise the significance of commons?*

Yes the proposal appears to recognise the history of commons in NSW and their significance to the wider community.

*2. Does the proposal sufficiently retain an ongoing role for commons trusts?*

We are heartened to read that commons trusts will be retained as Crown land managers.

*3. Does the proposal sufficiently protect the environmental, social, cultural and economic values of commons?*

These values will be protected by retaining commons trusts as land managers.

*4. Does the proposal benefit the ability for the people of NSW to experience the environmental, social, cultural and economic values of commons?*

By retaining the commons trusts as Crown land managers the needs of the local communities are most likely to be met. Local people have a good understanding of what their community needs are.

### Usage of the Yetman Common

- The Yetman Common is well utilised by the local community and also by the wider equestrian community. In our village of 100 people, 50% of the eligible residents have common rights and most of these actively graze cattle on the Yetman Common.
- The Yetman Common is also used each year for the Annual Yetman Campdraft which draws competitors from far and wide. This is the major social and sporting event of the year in Yetman and the Common yards and grounds are central to that.
- The Common yards and grounds are generally used by the North Star pony club once a year for a pony camp.
- The Yetman Cemetery is on the side of the hill which overlooks the Yetman Common and the access road for that goes through the Common.
- The Common has also been used by the Yetman Public School as they hosted their district cross country race around the tracks in the Common a few years ago.

We see the Yetman Common as being used by a majority of our community and enjoyed by many more through annual sporting events.

Regards,

Deborah Hill  
Secretary  
Yetman Common Trust