

### What is a travelling stock reserve?

Travelling stock reserves (TSRs) were land routes originally reserved more than 150 years ago for the movement of stock and are an important and iconic part of the NSW landscape.

There are more than 6,500 travelling stock reserves (TSRs) on Crown land in NSW, covering approximately two million hectares.

Over time, the use of TSRs has changed. Once used solely to move livestock from farms to markets or railheads, they now have multiple uses such as grazing in times of drought, recreation and conservation. TSRs also hold significance to many Aboriginal communities.

### Why is there a review of travelling stock reserves (TSRs)?

The review is designed to discover where TSRs are, what they're now used for, who uses them and how often.

In 2012–13 the NSW Government conducted the first major review of Crown land in more than 25 years—the Crown Lands Management Review. This review found that many parcels of Crown land reserved as TSRs are no longer used for their original purpose and recommended a state-wide review to provide an evidence base for future decisions.

### Does this mean that travelling stock reserves will be sold off?

The review is not about a sell off of TSRs nor is it a precursor to a sell off of TSRs.

TSRs have been, and will continue to be, an important and iconic part of the NSW landscape. No decisions about the future ownership or management of TSRs will be made during this review process.

The review is about getting a solid evidence base about TSRs and what they are used for and valued for today.

### Will the current leasing and licencing arrangements remain in place?

There are no changes to leases or licences, or the way TSRs are currently being used, during the review process.

NSW Department of Industry—Crown Lands & Water manages about 73 per cent of all TSR land either directly or indirectly (via tenures granted under Crown lands legislation). This makes up about 1,400,000 hectares out of a total of 1,900,000 hectares. The Western Division is home to around 75 per cent of the TSR network in NSW.

Local Land Services is responsible for the care, control and management of the remaining 27 per cent of TSR land across the state, or about 500,000 hectares of TSR land.

The review is being conducted to understand how the TSRs are currently used, and collects information gathered from the public on the current uses and values of TSRs.

## Who has been consulted about the TSRs?

The TSR Review involved a ten week community consultation process. A public consultation paper was released and general submissions forms were sent out to Western land Lease holders.

In addition, three pilot workshops were held in Dubbo, Corowa and Tamworth.

More than 130 people attended the workshops, and a total of 898 submissions were received from a cross section of the community.

We received 423 responses from Western Land leaseholders, and 73 per cent of these responses indicated that the TSRs on their properties had not been used for travelling stock for more than 10 years.

In addition, Local Land Services and the Combined Action to Retain Reserves for Travelling Stock (CARRTS) group mapped the TSR highways that are used for droving.

## What information has been gathered?

The review has identified that TSRs are important for a range of values, including droving, environmental, Aboriginal cultural heritage and recreation.

A key output from the TSR Review has been the ability to identify the TSR highways for NSW. These are defined as the main droving routes connecting New South Wales with Queensland and Victoria. The highways were mapped with input from Local Land Services and the Combined Action to Retain Reserves for Travelling Stock (CARRTS) group, which supports the state's agricultural sector.

## Why is it taking so long to review the TSRs?

Nearly 1,000 submissions were received during the review. The NSW Government is carefully considering these submissions. It is important that we do them justice and the process is not rushed.

The evidence collected from the review can be used to inform future decisions about how TSRs can best be used and managed for the purposes for which they are valued.

## What happens after the review has been completed?

The NSW Government will consider the results in December 2017, with the completed TSR Review, including submissions, to be released in early 2018.

Local Land Services intends to proceed with regional plans in 2018 in each of the 11 Local Land Services regions in accordance with the Statewide TSR Planning Framework.

## What will happen to TSRs that are no longer used for stock purposes?

The review will provide valuable information on TSRs that will help determine how the land is used and valued and how can be best protected.

TSRs that are no longer used or required for travelling stock or emergency management purposes may be repurposed to allow for the current active use.

Any decision to change the use of a TSR or repurpose the land so that it impacts on the public's use and enjoyment of the land will require consultation with relevant stakeholders and the community, in line with the proposed new Crown land community engagement strategy.

## Will the results of the review affect Aboriginal land claims lodged over TSRs?

The results of the TSR Review will have no impact on any undetermined land claims under the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983*, or any native title claims lodged under the *Native Title Act 1993*.

TSRs with active land claims pending cannot be sold or transferred to other entities until those land claims are determined.

## For more information

To find out more about the TSR Review and to read the interim update visit: [www.crownland.nsw.gov.au](http://www.crownland.nsw.gov.au)