

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

Information about Crown land managers

MANAGEMENT OF CROWN LAND IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Crown land is owned and managed by the NSW Government for the benefit of everyone. In many instances, the care, control and management of Crown land used for public purposes is delegated to locally-based Crown land managers.

WHAT WILL CHANGE

When the new *Crown Land Management Act 2016* begins in 2018, the former structure of reserves, reserve trusts and reserve trust managers will be replaced by a simpler two-tier system of reserves and Crown land managers.

Under the new system there will be:

- Non-council Crown land managers
- Local council Crown land managers.

NON-COUNCIL CROWN LAND MANAGERS

Non-council Crown land managers refers to the many people and organisations who are appointed to carry out the care, control and management of Crown land, many of whom are volunteers. As the name suggests, this does not include local councils.

LOCAL COUNCIL CROWN LAND MANAGERS

Local councils play a vital role in managing Crown land for their communities as local council Crown land managers. Under the new *Crown Land Management Act 2016*, local councils will continue to manage certain land that is dedicated or reserved as Crown land. However, to increase efficiencies and reduce duplication, they will do so under the *Local Government Act 1993* not Crown land legislation.

THE ROLE OF NON-COUNCIL CROWN LAND MANAGERS

Community involvement is an essential principle of Crown land management—and remains so under the new Crown land legislation.

Non-council Crown land managers can:

- issue licences and leases over lands they manage
- issue short-term leases and licences (i.e. less than one year) without the Minister's consent
- issue longer-term leases and licences (i.e. up to 10 years) only with the consent of the Minister if they are Category 2 Crown land managers
- issue longer term leases and licences (i.e. up to 10 years) without the consent of the Minister if they are Category 1 Crown land managers
- prepare plans of management over land they manage, with the approval of the Minister.

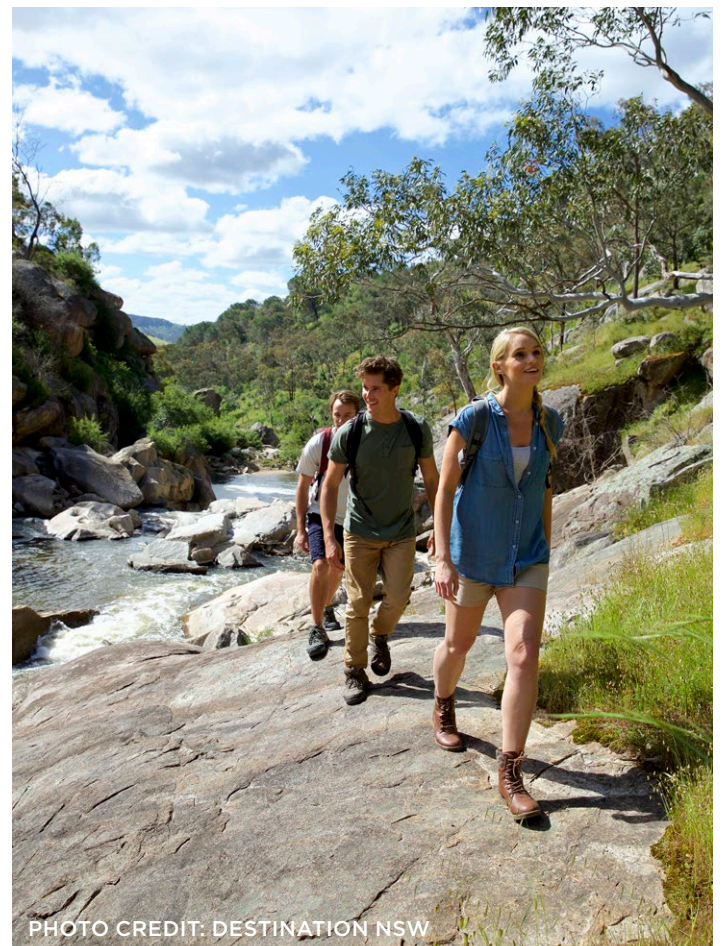




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THE STRATEGY AND CROWN LAND MANAGERS

Non-council Crown land managers will be expected to comply with the mandatory minimum engagement requirements of the [Community Engagement Strategy](#) from 2018, when the new *Crown Land Management Act 2016* begins.

Local council Crown land managers will abide by the rigorous community engagement requirements of the *Local Government Act 1993*. They therefore will not be expected to comply with the Community Engagement Strategy.

SUPPORT AVAILABLE TO NON-COUNCIL CROWN LAND MANAGERS

Non-council Crown land managers will be supported during the transition to the new Community Engagement Strategy with practical direction and support provided by a [Community Engagement Guidance and Resources](#) toolkit.

The Community Engagement Guidance and Resources toolkit has been developed specifically to help Department of Industry, Crown Lands & Water staff and non-council Crown land managers meet the engagement requirements of the Community Engagement Strategy.

It is a practical and interactive guide with step-by-step engagement assessment templates and a library of engagement resources and templates.

There will also be ongoing training and support for non-council Crown land managers and the many community volunteers who make up their ranks. Further details will be provided as we move towards commencement of the Community Engagement Strategy.

MORE INFORMATION

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

For more information:



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