

**Submission**

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**CONSULTATION ON THE MODERN  
MANAGEMENT OF COMMONS**

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## **Hall Greenland (individual)**

Subject: Hands off the commons

To whom it may concern,

I write to strongly oppose the repeal of the Commons Management Act.

The existence of Commons in Australia goes back more than a century and the institution has existed for centuries in many countries.

An essential feature of Commons is that they are democratically managed by the surrounding local community via an elected Trust.

The proposed repeal of the current Act would extinguish this democratic right. On that ground alone I oppose any repeal.

Furthermore the current legislative proposals are in direct conflict with the excision of Commons from the Crown Lands Management Act by the parliament in November 2016. The fresh proposals illustrate a lack of respect for the will of the elected NSW parliament which was responding to public opinion opposing the conversion of Commons to Crown land in terms of its management.

I have no objection to my name and address being listed as an objector to the proposed changes that I have read in the Department's Fact Sheet.

Yours faithfully

Hall Greenland  
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