

Complete this form to give feedback on the draft State Strategic Plan for Crown land. When complete, please return it to us by midnight Thursday 20 August 2020, either by email to cl.enquiries@crowmland.nsw.gov.au or by post to PO Box 2155, DANGAR NSW 2309.

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Activity

Name of Activity

State Strategic Plan for Crown Land

Our Reference:

SSP Crown Land

Please provide your details

1. First name *

Shauna

2. Last name *

Forrest

3. Do you identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander? *

Yes No Prefer not to say

4. Are you completing this survey as part of an organisation? *

If 'Yes' is selected, complete details in Q.5

Yes No Prefer not to say

5. Organisation

If you answered 'Yes' to Q.4

Lane Cove Bushland & Conservation Society

6. Postal/street address *

P O Box 989

7. Suburb *

Lane Cove

8. State *

NSW

9. Postcode *

1595

10. Email *

lanecove_bushland@yahoo.com

11. Which of the following options best indicates your current or past use or interest in Crown land in New South Wales? *

Please select all that apply

<input type="checkbox"/>	I am a Crown land manager
<input type="checkbox"/>	I am a Showground society manager
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	I am involved with a community or volunteer group that uses or maintains Crown land facilities
<input type="checkbox"/>	I am a member of a Commonwealth or state peak body with operations on Crown land
<input type="checkbox"/>	I have a lease to use Crown land
<input type="checkbox"/>	I have a licence to use Crown land
<input type="checkbox"/>	I use Crown land for my business
<input type="checkbox"/>	I am an Aboriginal Land claimant over areas of Crown land
<input type="checkbox"/>	I am a Native title claimant over areas of Crown land
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	I use Crown land for recreation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	I use Crown land when travelling away from home or visiting other places
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	I care about Crown land management as a resident of New South Wales
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other

Other

If you selected Other, please provide details (1,500 characters):

As a Society that has been advocating for the environment for just short of 50 years, the Lane Cove Bushland & Conservation Society is concerned to conserve and protect Crown Land both in our local area and across the State. We work to preserve the natural bush and wetlands of the Lane Cove area and to advance ecologically sustainable development for the urban and rural environment.

12. What use/s of Crown land do you value? *

Please select all that apply:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Open or green space
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Community use
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Aboriginal land rights
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Biodiversity
<input type="checkbox"/>	Jobs and economic growth
<input type="checkbox"/>	Renewable energy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other

Other

If you selected *Other*, please provide details (1,500 characters):

We are particularly concerned that Crown Land NOT be exploited for development or degraded by overuse, but conserved as a breathing space for urban communities and the preservation of biodiversity in rural areas.

We note that urban bushland barely receives any attention in the draft SSP for Crown Land, yet it is extremely precious in the increased densification of urban areas.

'Green space' is a broad a term applied to anything from parks to sporting facilities as well as natural bushland. Bushland is more than green space and requires special attention.

Strategic Plan priorities

The draft State Strategic Plan identifies four strategic priorities to guide Crown land management and inform the ways in which Crown land is used, and the activities, communities and environments it will support. These priorities are:

Priorities			
Enable jobs growth, commercial opportunities and sustainable economic progress in regional and rural NSW	Expand green space, sustainable quality of life and climate change resilience	Strengthen and support evolving community connections	Work with Aboriginal communities to realise the potential of their land rights

More information on these priorities is in [section 3.3 of the draft plan \(PDF\)](#).

Please provide your feedback

13. These are the best priorities for Crown land over the next 10 years. *

Please select

Strongly agree

Agree

Neutral

Disagree

Strongly disagree

14. Please rate each of the priorities from 'Very important' to 'Not important at all'.

Enable jobs growth, commercial opportunities and sustainable economic progress in regional and rural NSW.

Please select

Very important

Important

Neutral

Of minor importance

Not at all important

Expand green space, sustainable quality of life and climate change resilience

Please select

Very important

Important

Neutral

Of minor importance

Not at all important

Strengthen and support evolving community connections

Please select
Very important
Important
Neutral
Of minor importance
Not at all important

Work with Aboriginal communities to realise the potential of their land rights

Please select
Very important
Important
Neutral
Of minor importance
Not at all important

Do you believe that any changes should be made to these priorities, or are there any new priorities you would like to suggest?

Please provide details (1,500 characters):

The very order of the priorities indicated the preference in the SSP for commercial and economic development of Crown Land rather than preservation of plant and animal diversity.

As Crown Land is so diverse and can be urban or rural, valuable or degraded, the choices of answers are inadequate and dependent on the circumstances. The very first priority should be for an Audit of Crown Land so it is clear what they actually are.

It is unclear what is intended with aims such as 'Strengthen and support evolving communities'. This is just another term for commercial and economic development.

Strategic Plan outcomes

The draft State Strategic Plan identifies 15 outcomes to focus our practical efforts and enable us to deliver on the priorities of the plan. These 15 outcomes are mapped to the four priorities in the table below:

Priorities			
Enable jobs growth, commercial opportunities and sustainable economic progress in regional and rural NSW	Expand green space, sustainable quality of life and climate change resilience	Strengthen and support evolving community connections	Work with Aboriginal communities to realise the potential of their land rights

Outcomes			
Support innovative and sustainable regional industries	Prioritise the use of Crown land for green and open space in urban areas	Sustain the places where people come together	Make Aboriginal land transfers a priority – and see them as an opportunity
Expand regional tourism	Use Crown land to expand access to affordable housing	Partner with the organisations that serve our communities	Contribute to the ongoing recognition of native title rights
Assist new sustainable energy, resources and infrastructure projects	Support and restore environmental values on Crown land	Strengthen and uphold compliance to ensure a fair go	Explore co-management of land to generate mutual benefits
Facilitate investment on Crown land	Manage Crown land to build resilience in a changing climate		Collaborate with Aboriginal groups in each place to improve outcomes

More information on these outcomes is in [section 3.3 of the draft plan \(PDF\)](#).

Please provide your feedback

15. These are the best outcomes for Crown land over the next 10 years. *

Please select
Strongly agree
Agree
Neutral
Disagree
Strongly disagree

16. Please rate each of the outcomes from 'Very important' to 'Not at all important'.

Support innovative and sustainable regional industries

Please select
Very important
Important
Neutral
Of minor importance
Not at all important

Expand regional tourism

Please select
Very important
Important
Neutral
Of minor importance
Not at all important

Assist new sustainable energy, resources and infrastructure projects

Please select
Very important
Important
Neutral
Of minor importance
Not at all important

Facilitate investment on Crown land

Please select
Very important
Important
Neutral
Of minor importance
Not at all important

Prioritise the use of Crown land for green and open space in urban areas

Please select
Very important
Important
Neutral
Of minor importance
Not at all important

Use Crown land to expand access to affordable housing

Please select
Very important
Important
Neutral
Of minor importance
Not at all important

Support and restore environmental values on Crown land

Please select
Very important
Important
Neutral
Of minor importance
Not at all important

Manage Crown land to build resilience in a changing climate

Please select
Very important
Important
Neutral
Of minor importance
Not at all important

Sustain the places where people come together

Please select
Very important
Important
Neutral
Of minor importance
Not at all important

Partner with the organisations that serve our communities

Please select
Very important
Important
Neutral
Of minor importance
Not at all important

Strengthen and uphold compliance to ensure a fair go

Please select
Very important
Important
Neutral
Of minor importance
Not at all important

Make Aboriginal land transfers a priority – and see them as an opportunity

Please select
Very important
Important
Neutral
Of minor importance
Not at all important

Contribute to the ongoing recognition of native title rights

Please select
Very important
Important
Neutral
Of minor importance
Not at all important

Explore co-management of land to generate mutual benefits

Please select
Very important
Important
Neutral
Of minor importance
Not at all important

Collaborate with Aboriginal groups in each place to improve outcomes

Please select
Very important
Important
Neutral
Of minor importance
Not at all important

Do you believe that any changes should be made to these outcomes or would you like to suggest any other outcomes the department should address in the State Strategic Plan?

Please provide details (1,500 characters):

We would be willing to support proposals for the use of Crown Land and be more than just neutral should strategies for the protection of the environment be in place. Tourism, affordable housing, regional industries, etc, all seem laudable but without environmental protections, constitute exploitation of often fragile land. 'Places for people to come together', compliance and co management are broad generalisations and not sufficiently defined to be worthwhile outcomes. We would support assistance being given to new sustainable energy if it is compatible with environmental protection, but mining Crown Land for resources or developing infrastructure projects are likely not to be compatible.

Recognition of Aboriginal title and land transfer is important and should not be a token gesture that provides only poor or degraded land that is not commercially viable for Aboriginal communities.

Strategic Plan enabling initiatives

The draft plan identifies seven enabling initiatives to support delivery against the strategic priorities and objectives of the plan. These enablers are:

- Make more of our information available and transparent
- Standardise leases and licensing for common activities
- Simplify licencing for domestic waterfront structures
- Reduce red tape for government entities managing Crown land
- Provide tools and resources to volunteer Crown land managers
- Build understanding of native title
- Engage and support a new generation of Crown land managers

More information on these enablers is in [section 4 of the draft plan \(PDF\)](#).

Please provide your feedback

17. These are the best enablers to support delivery of the plan. *

Please select
Strongly agree
Agree
Neutral
Disagree
Strongly disagree

18. Please rate each of the enablers from 'Very important' to 'Not at all important'.

Make more of our information available and transparent

Please select
Very important
Important
Neutral
Of minor importance
Not at all important

Standardise leases and licensing for common activities

Please select
Very important
Important
Neutral
Of minor importance
Not at all important

Simplify licensing for domestic waterfront structures

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Reduce red tape for government entities managing Crown land

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Provide tools and resources to volunteer Crown land managers

Please select
Very important
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Of minor importance
Not at all important

Build understanding of native title

Please select
Very important
Important
Neutral
Of minor importance
Not at all important

Engage and support a new generation of Crown land managers

Please select
Very important
Important
Neutral
Of minor importance
Not at all important

Do you believe that any changes should be made to these enabling initiatives, or are there any other enabling initiatives you would like to suggest?

Please provide details (1,500 characters):

Again our response would be more positive if there was a guarantee that the enabling initiatives were not for development and exploitation of Crown Land resources without concomitant protection of the environment.

Standardised leases and licensing for common activities may not be possible, given the diversity of Crown Land - again an Audit should be the first priority.

There should be provision in these enabling initiatives for community consultation and for communities to take action should breaches of Crown Land management occur.

Other feedback

19. Please provide any other comments about the draft State Strategic Plan for Crown land.

Please provide details (1,500 characters):

The Survey Format of this submission process effectively weighs the priorities in favour of the questioner and allows only limited responses from those who answer it. Some of the questions are 'motherhood' questions pre determining a positive response, for example: the reduction of red tape is a worthy aim but red tape in what circumstances?

Ecologically sustainable development should underpin the use, lease or sale of any Crown Land and should be closely monitored on the grounds of public interest. The length of tenure should be restricted and subject to regular review in the light of development or maintenance of the land. As disastrous land clearing has escalated in recent times, all proposals should be closely examined and rejected except in extreme cases. The use of Offset Credits is unsatisfactory and determining 'like for like' inadequate and open to abuse.

The operation of management boards should be transparent and should not override local community representation. Sufficient financial provision should be made for the maintenance of park lands and heritage buildings on Crown Land. Local Councils should receive sufficient financial support to manage Crown Land to avoid pressure to sell operational land.

Finally, where urban bushland is on Crown Land, it should be protected as it contains remnant vegetation and major wildlife habitat and corridors as well as being the lungs and canopy of the city.

20. Where did you hear about the State Strategic Plan? *

Please select all that apply:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Social media
<input type="checkbox"/>	Print media
<input type="checkbox"/>	Radio
<input type="checkbox"/>	Google search
<input type="checkbox"/>	Crown Lands website
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ad in local paper
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Correspondence from the department
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other

Other

If you selected Other, please provide details (1,500 characters):

You cannot complete your submission until you indicate your confidentiality preference below.

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Confidential	<i>I would like my submission including my name and any contact details to be treated as confidential and not published</i>
Semi-public	<i>I would like my submission to be published but want my name and contact details to be confidential and not published</i>
Public	<i>Please publish my submission including my name and contact details</i>

Privacy & confidentiality

Please indicate your confidentiality preference from the following options: *

<input type="radio"/>	Confidential
<input type="radio"/>	Semi-public
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	Public

Thank you for your submission on the draft State Strategic Plan for Crown Land. All feedback is valued by the department.

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