

Submission on State Strategic Plan for Crown Lands NSW submitted on 17.08.2020

Crown Lands comprise 40% of the territory of NSW and the Society considers the proposed State review a huge missed opportunity to address many important aspects including:-

1. Protecting and preserving PASSIVE open green spaces.
2. Actually conducting an audit of Crown Lands.
3. Establishing Aboriginal ownership for Native People
4. Whenever Crown Lands are proposed for sale or lease they should be put up for public comment allowing for a fair time for response.
and
Any parcel of land should be put out for PUBLIC TENDER
5. Leases of Crown Land should not be converted to a sale without scrutiny and proper process.

Associated with the proposed totally inadequate “vision” of our precious crown lands is the recent highly concerning State merging of metropolitan parks as it undermines the separate and individual bodies currently governing and protecting them for their specific use and enjoyment for the community. Centralisation is rarely the key to progressive endeavours.

Crown Land may be technically owned by the State but it is public land owned by the people of Australia and there should be total transparency in what and how any government deals with these lands.