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Crown Land Management



Managing public lands in Sydney
- principles, planning & partnerships

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Principles of Crown Land Management

- **Section 11 of Crown Lands Act 1989**
 - (a) environmental protection and conservation of natural resources
 - (b) public use and enjoyment
 - (c) multiple use where possible
 - (d) sustainable use of land and resources
 - (e) crown Land is used, occupied, sold, leased and licenced in the best interests of the State
- **triple bottom line outcomes**

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How is Crown Land Managed?

Non reserved

- preferably leased, licenced

Reserved/Dedicated

- Managed under Reserve Trust
 - community council
 - other corporate administrator
- Managed by devolvement pursuant to section 48 of *Local Government Act*

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Crown lands and strategic planning

- Shift from passive land allocators to strategic asset managers
- reforms in *Crown Lands Act* allows greater flexibility in managing Crown Lands
- effort by Crown Lands to become more proactive in terms of strategic planning
- Crown Lands is a state asset
- Crown lands takes a regional-State wide perspective

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Crown land and the Sydney metro region

Sydney Crown Land management requires particular attention

- 41 LGAs
- 63% of population live in Sydney
- And growing – up to 6 million people by 2036
- Congested stakeholder environment – 41 Councils
52 state MP's (> 50% of parliament)
31 Federal MP's

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Crown Lands today – reform and restructure

- Shift to asset management, strategic approach
- Resource constraints
- Crown Lands reforms
 - Review of *Crown Lands Act 1989*
 - Business Review

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Partnering local councils

- Strategic partnerships with councils is here to stay
- Growing population - increased pressures on limited open space
- Environmental, recreation space under pressure
- Lands assumes a regional long term focus
- Play a positive role when dealing with local land use conflicts