

Land Claims Manual for Local Aboriginal Land Councils

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NEW SOUTH WALES ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL

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Introduction

This manual has been developed by the New South Wales Aboriginal Land Council ('NSWALC') with assistance from the Office of the Registrar of the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act* 1983 to assist Local Aboriginal Land Councils to make Aboriginal Land Claims under the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act* 1983.

Since 1998 Aboriginal Land Claims have been the sole form of compensation available under the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act* 1983 to compensate Aboriginal people for the past dispossession of their lands.

In this way Aboriginal Land Claims are the core business of all Local Aboriginal Land Councils.

Disclaimer

The information contained in this manual should be used only as a guide to making Aboriginal Land Claims and should not be used to replace independent advice.

The information provided in this manual is current to January 2009.

Important warning for all Local Aboriginal Land Councils

An Local Aboriginal Land Council should NOT withdraw an Aboriginal Land Claim without first seeking legal advice in relation to the merits of the land claim and the risks to the Local Aboriginal Land Council if the claim is withdrawn.

If you require assistance please contact the Legal Services Unit at NSWALC on (02) 9689 4444.

What land can be claimed?

A Local Aboriginal Land Council can make a claim for Crown land in New South Wales under section 36 of the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act* 1983 ('the Act').

You can access a copy of the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act* 1983 and other NSW Acts of Parliament at www.legislation.nsw.gov.au.

Section 36(1) of the Act provides that land is claimable if at the date of the claim it is:

- land vested in Her Majesty,
- able to be lawfully sold or leased, or reserved or dedicated, under the *Crown Lands Act* 1989,
- not lawfully used or occupied,
- not needed or likely to be needed as residential lands,
- not needed or likely to be needed for an essential public purpose,
- not subject to native title or an application for a determination of native title (other than an unopposed non-claimant application),
- not subject to a lease, licence or permissive occupancy that was granted before June 1983 and continued in operation as at the date of claim (see clause 8 of schedule 4 of the Act).

What land cannot be claimed?

Whilst the issue of whether Crown land is claimable under the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act* 1983 will depend upon the facts in each case and may involve some complex legal issues, there is some land that is clearly not claimable. For example:

- lands that have been vested in a private third party, such as an individual or corporation (including a statutory or Ministerial corporation),
- lands that have been dedicated or reserved as a National Park, State Conservation Area, regional park or nature reserve under the *National Parks and Wildl ife Act* 1974,
- lands that are Crown or public roads, and
- lands that have been dedicated or reserved as a State Forest, timber reserve or flora reserve under the *Forestry Act* 1916.

How do you find out what land may be claimable in your area?

There are a number of tools available to you to investigate what land may be claimable in your local area and the Land Rights Unit at NSWALC is available to assist you with making claims.

The Land Rights Unit contact details are:

New South Wales Aboriginal Land Council 33 Argyle Street PO Box 1125 Parramatta NSW 2124 Telephone: (02) 9689 4444 Fax: (02) 9687 1234

Local knowledge

The 'on the ground' knowledge of the staff and members of a Local Aboriginal Land Council in relation to Crown land in their local area is an invaluable tool in identifying land that may be claimable under the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act* 1983.

If you become aware that the use or occupation of any Crown land in your area has ceased you should consider making an Aboriginal Land Claim.

Successful land claims have been made over abandoned and disused buildings, land reserved for a public purpose under the *Crown Lands Act* 1989 that was not being used or occupied at the date of claim, and other unused Crown land.

If possible we recommend that someone from the Local Aboriginal Land Council inspects the land (ensuring that any inspections comply with the law) before or as soon as possible after making a land claim.

It is important to record the state of the land as at the date of claim.

We therefore recommend that you take dated photographs and make detailed diary or file notes of any inspections of the land.

The importance of record keeping is discussed further under the heading: 'What records should you keep and maintain?'

Street directory

Your local street directory will provide some basic information in relation to land in your area. For example it will sometimes identify reserves and other land that *may* be claimable Crown land. It will also indicate land that is not claimable such as National Parks, roads and State Forests.

Whilst the local street directory will act as a good starting point, you will need to verify the status of the land and whether it is claimable through other tools such as parish maps and title searches (see below).

Parish maps

Parish maps are an essential starting point for investigating what Crown land may be claimable in your area.

There are hard copies of Parish, County and Town maps available at the Offices of the Department of Lands. These maps are public records that can be inspected by any member of the public. Therefore no person should be denied access to inspect, and where required, photocopy these maps. Please note that there may be some costs associated with taking photocopies of maps.

Some Parish maps are available at the Department of Lands' website at www.lands.nsw.gov.au.

A guide to how to read a Parish map appears at **Annexure B** to this manual.

Where possible, all Local Aboriginal Land Councils should obtain copies of the Parish maps that apply within the Council's geographical boundaries.

We also recommend that someone within your LALC be assigned as a contact person for the Department of Lands. This person should be responsible for establishing and developing a professional working relationship in relation to land claims with the relevant person or persons from the Regional Office of the Department of Lands in your area.

A list of the contact details for the Regional Offices of the Department of Lands is set out at **Annexure D** to this manual.

In 2007 the Department of Lands stopped updating Parish maps. Therefore, wherever practicable, NSWALC recommends that the information contained on Parish maps be verified through other sources, such as a title search, or a through a Cadastral Records Inquiry through the Digital Cadastral Database which can be arranged by the Land Rights Unit or through the Department of Lands.

The Land Rights Unit in NSWALC has a number of tools available to assist Local Aboriginal Land Councils to verify the information on Parish Maps including aerial photographs and other mapping databases.

Title searches

Where Crown land has been allocated a Folio Identifier and has a Certificate of Title, a title search will reveal the registered owner of the land and whether there are other persons who have a legal interest in the land such as the holder of a registered lease.

The title search will indicate whether the land is vested in Her Majesty as required by section 36 of the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act* 1983.

Examples of lands vested in Her Majesty include where the words "The State of New South Wales" or "Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth" appears in the First Schedule of a title search.

A guide to reading a title search appears at **Annexure C** to this manual.

A title search can be done over the counter at the Sydney Head Office of the Department of Lands at:

1 Prince Albert Road Queens Square, Sydney NSW 2001

A standard title search costs approximately \$10.

Local newspapers

The *Crown Lands Act* 1989 requires that, before the Minister for Lands can sell or exchange Crown land or lease Crown land for more than 5 years, a notice must be placed in a local or State wide newspaper at least 14 days before the sale, exchange or lease (see section 34 of the *Crown Lands Act* 1989).

The Minister for Lands may decide to sell, exchange or lease Crown land because the land is not being used or occupied and is not needed for an essential public purpose or as residential land.

Such land may be claimable under the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983.

All Local Aboriginal Land Councils should ensure that newspapers are reviewed regularly for any notices relating to Crown land in their area.

Government Gazette

The *Crown Lands Act* 1989 also requires the Minister for Lands to publish a notice of all revocations of reservations or dedications of land in the Government Gazette (see section 84 of the *Crown Lands Act* 1989).

The Minister for Lands may decide to revoke a reservation or dedication of Crown land where the land is no longer needed for a public purpose or has ceased to be used for such a purpose. This land *may* be claimable under the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act* 1983.

The Government Gazette can be accessed at www.advertising.nswp.commerce.nsw.gov.au/Gazette/Gazette.htm.

Hard copies of the Government Gazette may also be available at your local library.

The Land Rights Unit in NSWALC regularly reviews the Government Gazette for relevant notices and can provide Local Aboriginal Land Councils with copies of notices.

Crown Land Assessments

The *Crown Lands Act* 1989 provides for a program of assessment of Crown land (see Part 3). A 'Crown Land Assessment' will consider issues such as possible and preferred uses of Crown land and may consider whether the land is required for public purposes. A Crown Lands Assessment is a capabilities study only and will not be determinative of these issues.

A 'Crown Lands Assessment' may provide information that will assist a Local Aboriginal Land Council in identifying Crown land that *may* be claimable under the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act* 1983.

The Minister must place a notice of the preparation of a draft Crown Land Assessment in the Government Gazette and in a local or statewide newspaper (see clause 20 of the *Crown Land Regulation* 2006).

Some Crown Land Assessments are published on the Department of Lands website to allow for public comment. See www.lands.nsw.gov.au

How do you make a claim?

An Aboriginal Land Claim must be lodged with the Registrar of the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act* 1983. The Office of the Registrar has a standard form which a Local Aboriginal Land Council can use to lodge an Aboriginal Land Claim.

A copy of the form is attached at **Annexure A** to this manual.

Clear description of the land

A land claim needs to be as clear and specific as possible. All land claims should clearly describe the land to which it relates. Where possible a Local Aboriginal Land Council should use the official descriptor for the land, for example "Lot # in Deposited Plan XXXX", or "that part of Lot # in Deposited Plan XXXX, as shown by yellow shading on the attached plan". All descriptions should be clear and simple. If the claimed land does not have an official descriptor you should ensure that the claim provides as much detail and explanation of the land area as possible.

In most cases it will be sufficient to include a clear photocopy of a map with the claimed land clearly highlighted.

Land claims do not have to conform to existing property boundaries. In some cases it may be advisable to lodge separate claims over an area of land where the claim over part of the land may involve more complex issues.

If you require any legal advice in relation to a land claim you can contact the Legal Services Unit at NSWALC.

The Legal Services Unit contact details are:

New South Wales Aboriginal Land Council Level 7, 33 Argyle Street PO Box 1125, Parramatta NSW 2124 Telephone: (02) 9689 4444 Fax: (02) 9687 1234

Lodging the claim form

The claim form can be posted, hand delivered, faxed or emailed to the Registrar at:

Office of the Registrar *Aboriginal Land Rights Act* 1983 11-13 Mansfield Street GLEBE NSW 2037 Telephone: (02) 9562 6327 Fax: (02) 9562 6350

All land claims should be signed by a Local Aboriginal Land Council's Chairperson.

If the Registrar is satisfied that the claim complies with the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act* 1983, the Office of the Registrar will allocate the claim an Aboriginal Land Claim number and send you a written confirmation that the claim has been accepted.

The Office of the Registrar will then forward the claim to the Department of Lands.

Who will determine your claim?

Your Aboriginal Land Claim will be referred to the relevant regional office of the Department of Lands for investigation.

Once the investigation is complete the regional office will provide a report to the Aboriginal Land Claims Unit within the Department of Lands.

The report from the regional office may provide the basis of a recommendation to the Minister for Lands in relation to whether the land claim should be granted.

At this stage it is for the Minister for Lands to determine whether the land is claimable under the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act* 1983.

If the Minister determines that the land is not claimable, a Local Aboriginal Land Council can consider appealing to the NSW Land and Environment Court.

The right to appeal is discussed further below under the heading 'What assistance is available if your land claim is refused?'

When will your claim be determined?

There are approximately 9,000 undetermined Aboriginal Land Claims in NSW.

It may take some time for your land claim to be investigated and for the Minister for Lands to determine your claim.

If you have any concerns about delays in the determination of your claim you can contact the Legal Services Unit at NSWALC or the Aboriginal Land Claims Unit within the Department of Lands (see Annexure D for the contact details for the Department of Lands).

What records should you keep and maintain?

Each Local Aboriginal Land Council should maintain complete written records relating to all of its Aboriginal Land Claims.

Files

For each Aboriginal Land Claim we recommend that you open and maintain a file containing:

- a copy of the Aboriginal Land Claim as registered by the Registrar of the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act* 1983,
- copies of all relevant maps,
- any relevant public notices taken from newspapers or the government gazette,
- · any title searches,
- any records relating to the inspection of the land,
- all correspondence relating to the claim, including any correspondence from or to the Registrar of the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act* 1983 and the Department of Lands, and
- all files notes of conversations or meetings with the Department of Lands or other relevant parties such as NSWALC.

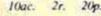
It is important that these files are kept in a secure place and are accessed only by authorised persons within the Local Aboriginal Land Council.

Land Claims Register

We also recommend that a Local Aboriginal Land Council develop and maintain a 'Land Claims Register' which contains the following details in relation to all Aboriginal Land Claims:

- the Aboriginal Land Claim number,
- the date the claim was made,
- a description of the land,
- details of the outcome of the claim if it has been determined, and
- details of any appeals and their outcome.

A Local Aboriginal Land Council can request a copy of an Aboriginal Land Claim from the Registrar of the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act* 1983 and if required a summary of all the land claims lodged in your area.



What can you do if your land claim is refused?

A Local Aboriginal Land Council has a right to appeal to the NSW Land and Environment Court against the refusal of an Aboriginal Land Claim, pursuant to 36(6) of the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act* 1983.

Any appeal **MUST** be filed within 4 months of the date of the Minister's refusal of the claim (see Rule 6.1 of the *Land and Environment Court Rules* 2007).

The NSWALC receives notice of all Aboriginal Land Claims determined by the Minister for Lands.

The Land Claims Unit and the Legal Services Unit at NSWALC review all claims refused on behalf of Local Aboriginal Land Councils, and where appropriate obtain advice in relation to the prospects of appealing against the Minister's refusal of a claim.

In appropriate cases, the NSWALC will assist a Local Aboriginal Land Council in legal proceedings and any negotiations relating to the Minister's refusal of an Aboriginal Land Claim.

Can you lodge a repeat land claim?

Whether land is claimable under section 36 of the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act* 1983 must be determined as at the date the claim is made.

If you become aware of changes to the land there is nothing to prevent a Local Aboriginal Land Council from lodging a fresh claim over land that has already been claimed, even if the previous claim was refused by the Minister or the previous claim has not yet been determined by the Minister.

LAND CLAIM FOR LAND PURSUANT TO ABORIGINAL LAND RIGHTS ACT 1983 (NSW), SECTIONS 36, 37



11-13 Mansfield Street Glebe NSW 2037 PO Box 112, Glebe NSW 2037 P. 02 9562 6327 F. 02 9562 6350

Please print all details clearly using block letters

Date:

Name of Council:					Local Aboriginal Land Council	
Address of Council:	(Postal address registe	ered with the	e Registrar's (Office)		
Telephone Number:						
Name of Chairperson:						
Does the Area of this land claim application extend						
outside the boundaries of the applicant's Land Council area? No / Yes						
If it does, provide detailed plan, sketch or map. (Please attach detailed plan, sketch, map, etc)						
Lot/Portion Number or Reserve Number:						
Deposited Plan, Parish	Map or Other Plan Nur	nber:				
Nearest Town or Village				Parish:		
Shire of Municipality:				County	:	
If this application is lodged by the NSW Aboriginal Land Council on behalf of one of more Local Aboriginal Land Councils (LALCs), please insert the name(s) of these LALC(s) here:						
Map identifying the clai	m area is attached?	1	/es	No		
Area is coloured in or ha	itched?	Y	/es	No		
	Signed:					

(Chairperson)

Annexure A - Form for making a land claim

Annexure A - Form for making a land claim

Annexure B: Guide to Reading a Parish Map

Department of Lands - Colour Coding

GREY

Freehold, closed roads when granted, vesting in Local Government.

PINK

Conditional leases.

PURPLE

Post offices, fire stations, hospitals, police stations, easements, railway lines, transmission lines, Commonwealth acquisitions, public wharves and land vested in the Maritime Services Board, resumptions and dedications for town halls, school or arts and technical colleges.

YELLOW

Church land and cemeteries.

GREEN

State Forest, National Parks, Public Watering Places, all reserves (except for public recreation).

RED

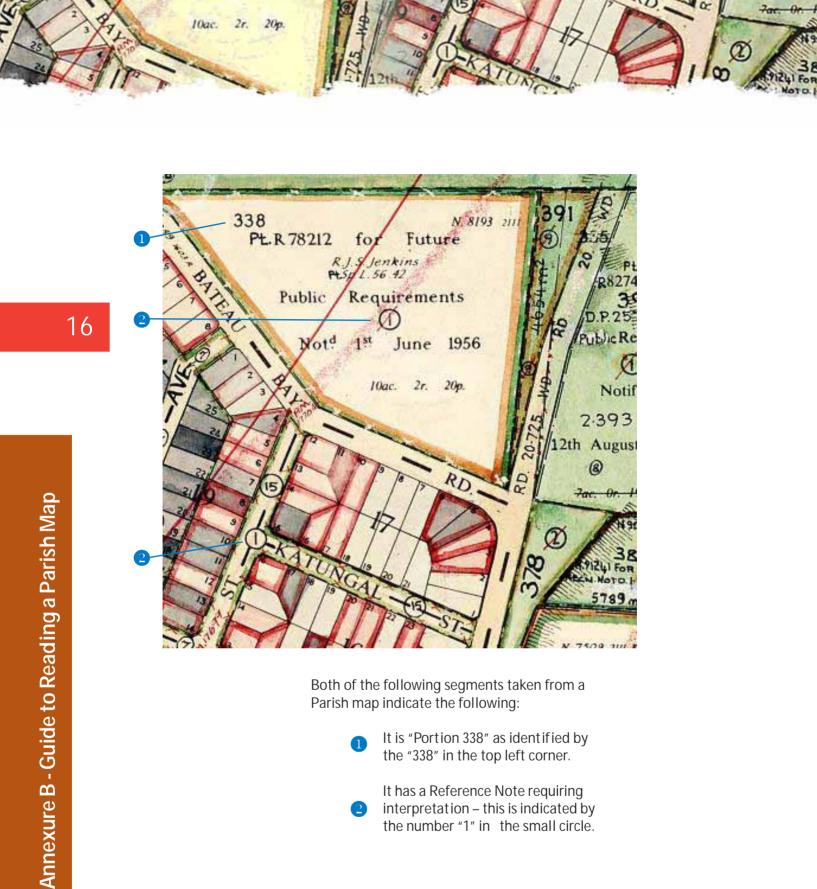
Classified areas.

BROWN

Special lease, Crown lease, Prickly Pear lease, Settlement lease, Residential lease.

UNTINTED/WHITE

Vacant Crown land, access.



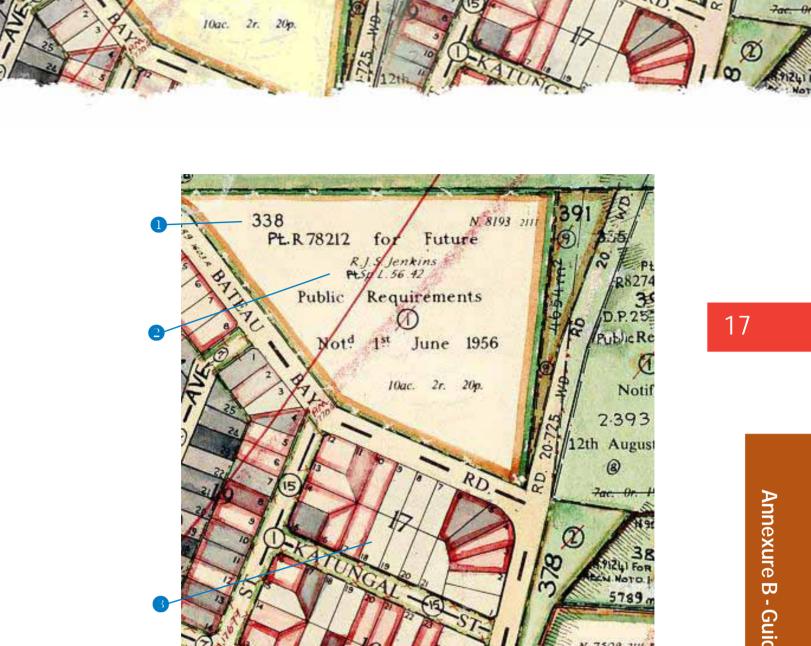
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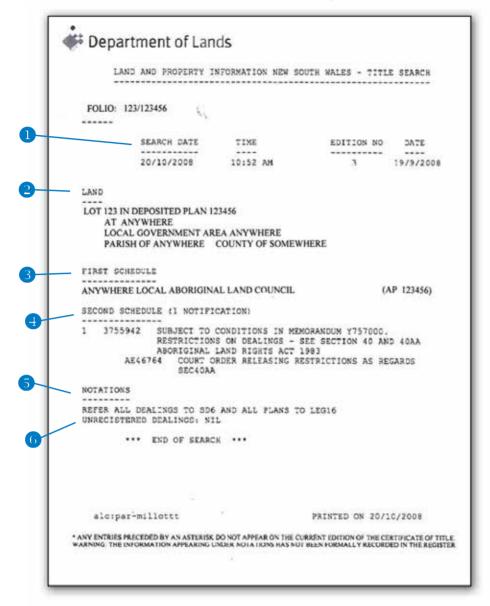
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- That this Portion is a part of a larger reserve as indicated by the "R 78212 – for Future Requirements" and the brown border.
 - It has a special licence or lease attached to it to *R.J.Jenkins.*
 - These are a number of "Lots" located on "Section 17".



Annexure C : Guide to Reading a Title Search



- 1 The "Search Date" should be as close as possible to the date of lodgment of the Aboriginal Land Claim.
- 2 The "Land" You should always confirm that the search has been conducted on the relevant land.
- 3 The "First Schedule" indicates the registered proprietor of the land. In the case of Crown land it will usually have the words "The State of New South Wales" or "Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth".
- The "Second Schedule" will record any registered interests such as leases, easements, mortgages and caveats.
- 5 "Notations" include information recorded by the Department of Lands such as whether a plan of acquisition has been lodged.
- 6 "Unregistered dealings" will indicate dealings that have been lodged with the Land Title Office but not yet registered.

Annexure D:

Contact details for Regional Offices of the Department of Lands

Α

Armidale Crown Lands 108 Faulkner Street PO Box 199A Armidale NSW 2350 T: 02 6770 3100 F: 02 6772 8782

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Batemans Bay

Crown Lands Level 1, Suite 8 Braysyth Building Cnr Beach Rd & Orient St Batemans Bay NSW 2536 T: 02 4472 1436 F: 02 4472 1509

Bega

Crown Lands Suite 2 Bega Centre 101 Auckland Street Bega NSW 2550 T: 02 6491 8200 F: 02 6492 3019

Bourke Crown Lands Western Region 21 Mitchell Street PO Box 342

Bourke NSW 2840 T: 02 6872 2144 F: 02 68722993

Broken Hill Crown Lands Western Region

32 Sulphide Street PO Box 692 Broken Hill NSW 2880 T: 08 8082 5200 F: 08 8087 2314

Buronga Crown Lands Western Region 32 Enterprise Way PO Box 363 Buronga NSW 2739 T: 03 5051 6204 F: 03 5051 6259

С

Coffs Harbour Crown Lands 36 Marina Drive PO Box 291J Coffs Harbour Jetty NSW 2450 T: 02 6691 9610 F: 02 6651 9975

D

Dubbo Crown Lands 142 Brisbane Street PO Box 865 Dubbo NSW 2830 T: 02 6883 3300 F: 02 6882 6920

Crown Lands Western Region Regional Office 45 Wingewarra Street PO Box 1840 Dubbo NSW 2830 T: 02 6883 3000 F: 02 6883 3099

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Goulburn Crown Lands Government Office Block 2nd Floor, 159 Auburn Street PO Box 748 Goulburn NSW 2580 T: 02 4824 3700 F: 02 4822 4287

Grafton

Crown Lands 76 Victoria Street PO Box 272 Grafton NSW 2460 T: 02 6640 3400 F: 02 6642 5375

Griffith Crown Lands 120-130 Banna Avenue PO Box 1030 Griffith NSW 2680 T: 02 6960 3600 F: 02 6962 5670

Η

Hay Crown Lands 126 Lachlan Street PO Box 182 Hay NSW 2711 T: 02 6990 1800 F: 02 6993 1135

L

Leeton Crown Lands Chelmsford Place Wade Avenue PO Box 835 Leeton NSW 2705 T: 02 6953 4844 F: 02 6953 4324

Μ

Maitland Crown Lands Cnr Newcastle Road & Banks Street PO Box 6 East Maitland NSW 2323 T: 02 4937 9300 F: 02 4934 2252

Moree Crown Lands Cnr Frome & Heber Streets PO Box 388 Moree NSW 2400 T: 02 6750 6400 F: 02 6752 1707



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Nelson Bay Crown Lands Shop w11 d'Albora Marinas Teramby Road Nelson Bay NSW 2315 T: 02 4981 4680 F: 02 4981 4680

Newcastle

Crown Lands 437 Hunter Street Newcastle NSW 2300 PO Box 2185 Dangar NSW 2309 T: 02 4920 5000 F: 02 4925 3489

Nowra

Crown Lands Ground Floor 5 O'Keefe Avenue PO Box 309 Nowra NSW 2541 T: 02 4428 9100 F: 02 4421 2172

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Orange Crown Lands 92 Kite Street PO Box 2146 Orange NSW 2800 T: 02 6391 4300 F: 02 6362 3896

Ρ

Parramatta Crown Lands Level 12 10 Valentine Avenue PO Box 3935 Parramatta NSW 2124 T: 02 8836 5300 F: 02 8836 5365

Т

Tamworth Crown Lands 25-27 Fitzroy Street PO Box 535 Tamworth NSW 2340 T: 02 6764 5100 F: 02 6766 3805

Taree

Crown Lands 98 Victoria Street PO Box 440 Taree NSW 2430 T: 02 6591 3500 F: 02 6552 2816

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Wagga Wagga Crown Lands Cnr Johnston & Tarcutta Streets PO Box 60 Wagga Wagga NSW 2650 T: 02 6937 2700 F: 02 6921 1851

Walgett Crown Lands - Western Region 89 Wee Waa Street PO Box 248 Walgett NSW 2832 T: 02 6828 0110 F: 02 6828 1741

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Albury Valuation Information 520 Swift Street PO Box 566 Albury NSW 2640 T: 02 6042 4700 F: 02 6041 2028

Armidale

Soil Conservation Service 108 Faulkner Street PO Box 199A Armidale NSW 2350 T: 02 6770 3112 F: 02 6772 8782

В

Ballina Survey Services

5 Regatta Avenue PO Box 624 Ballina NSW 2478 T: 02 6620 5503 F: 02 6681 6944

Bathurst

Land & Property Information 346 Panorama Avenue PO Box 143 Bathurst NSW 2795 T: 02 6332 8200 F: 02 6331 8095

Soil Conservation Service

346 Panorama Avenue PO Box 143 Bathurst NSW 2795 T: 02 6332 8167 F: 02 6332 8168

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Campbelltown Valuation Information Level 1, 1 Bolger Street PO Box 22 Macarthur Square NSW 2560 T: 02 4640 4200 F: 02 4626 1089

Additional Contact details for Department of Lands

Coffs Harbour Survey Services

36 Marina Drive PO Box 291J Coffs Harbour Jetty NSW 2450 T: 02 6691 9620

Soil Conservation Service

36 Marina Drive PO Box 291J Coffs Harbour Jetty NSW 2450 T: 02 6691 9617 F: 02 6651 1001

Valuation Information

Unit C, 30A Orlando St Coffs Harbour Jetty NSW 2450 PO Box 218J Coffs Harbour Jetty NSW 2450 T: 02 6659 8800 F: 02 6651 5113

Cooma

Soil Conservation Service 26 Soho Street PO Box 26 Cooma NSW 2630 T: 02 6452 1455 F: 02 6452 2080

Cowra

Soil Conservation Service 30 Lynch Street PO Box 510 Cowra NSW 2794 T: 02 6341 9309 F: 02 6342 4607

D

Dubbo Valuation Information 37 Carrington Avenue PO Box 865 Dubbo NSW 2830 T: 02 6884 4003 F: 02 6884 1463

G

Gilgandra Soil Conservation Service 26 Warren Road PO Box 181 Gilgandra NSW 2827 T: 02 6847 2923 F: 02 6847 2997

Gosford

Soil Conservation Service Depot Only Gosford NSW 2250

Valuation Information

Level 1, Suite 106 40 Mann Street Gosford NSW 2250 T: 02 4324 5954 F: 02 4323 4651

Goulburn

Land and Property Information Valuation Information Government Office Block 2nd Floor 159 Auburn Street PO Box 243 Goulburn NSW 2580 T: 02 4824 3737 F: 02 4821 6024

Soil Conservation Service

Government Office Block 2nd Floor, 159 Auburn Street PO Box 748 Goulburn NSW 2580 T: 02 4824 3721 F: 02 4821 6024

Soil Conservation Service

Goulburn Workshop Cemetary Street Goulburn NSW 2580 T: 4828 6767 F: 4822 1003

Grafton

Valuation Information 49 Victoria Street PO Box 272 Grafton NSW 2460 T: 02 6604 9500 F: 02 6643 1425

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Henty Soil Conservation Service 25 Sladen Street PO Box 59 Henty NSW 2658 T: 02 6929 3170 F: 02 6929 3053

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Lithgow Soil Conservation Service Great Western Highway Marrangaroo 2790 PO Box 28 Lithgow NSW 2790 T: 02 6351 3696 F: 02 6351 3989

Μ

Moss Vale Soil Conservation Service Kirkham Street PO Box 449 Moss Vale NSW 2577 T: 02 4861 9016 F: 02 4868 3588

Ν

Narrabri Soil Conservation Service 53 Maitland Street PO Box 382 Narrabri NSW 2390 T: 02 6799 1830 F: 02 6792 3004

Newcastle

Soil Conservation Service 437 Hunter Street Newcastle NSW 2300 PO Box 2185 Dangar NSW 2309 T: 02 4920 5000 F: 02 4925 3630

Valuation Information

117 Bull Street PO Box 488G Newcastle NSW 2300 T: 02 4925 9999 F: 02 4929 2969

Nowra

Soil Conservation Service 5 O'Keefe Avenue PO Box 309 Nowra NSW 2541 T: 02 4428 9129 F: 02 4421 2173

Survey Services

Ground Floor 5 O'Keefe Avenue PO Box 309 Nowra NSW 2541 T: 02 4428 9137 F: 02 4421 2172

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Orange Office of Rural Affairs Level 1 Cnr Lords Place & Kite St PO Box 1314 Orange NSW 2800 T: 02 6393 0000

Soil Conservation Service

172 Anson St PO BOX 2146 Orange NSW 2800 T: 02 6391 4319 F: 02 6361 3839

F: 02 6393 0987

Valuation Information

Cnr Kite & Anson Streets PO Box 53 Orange NSW 2800 T: 02 6361 5600 F: 02 6362 6326

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Parkes

Soil Conservation Service 39 Currajong Street PO Box 121 Parkes NSW 2870 T: 02 6863 5852 F: 02 6862 5254

Parramatta

Soil Conservation Service Level 12 10 Valentine Avenue

PO Box 3935 Parramatta NSW 2124 T: 02 8836 5350 F 02 8836 5363

Valuation Information

Level 3 2-10 Wentworth Street PO Box 252 Parramatta NSW 2150 T: 02 9860 5200 F: 02 9891 6653

Port Macquarie

Survey Services c/- Water Operations Centre Clearwater Crescent PO Box 84 Port Macquarie NSW 2444 T: 02 6584 9942 F: 02 6581 8250

Q

Queanbeyan Soil Conservation Service Suite U101 Level 1, Riverside Plaza 131-139 Monaro Street PO Box 189 Queanbeyan NSW 2620 T: 02 6284 3062 F: 02 6297 2280

Valuation Information

Suite U101 Level 1, Riverside Plaza 131-139 Monaro Street PO Box 673 Queanbeyan NSW 2620 T: 02 6284 3085 F: 02 6297 2280

Quirindi

Soil Conservation Service 138-140 George Street PO Box 50 Quirindi NSW 2343 T: 02 6746 1344 F: 02 6746 1076

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Scone Soil Conservation Service Scone Research Service Centre Gundy Road PO Box 283 Scone NSW 2337 T: 02 6545 1666 F: 02 6545 2520

Singleton Soil Conservation Service John Street PO Box 4 Singleton NSW 2330 T: 02 6572 1707

T: 02 6572 1707 F: 02 6572 1592

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Tamworth Crown Lands

25-27 Fitzroy Street PO Box 535 Tamworth NSW 2340 T: 02 6764 5100 F: 02 6766 3805

Soil Conservation Service

25-27 Fitzroy Street PO Box 535 Tamworth NSW 2340 T: 02 6764 5117 F: 02 6764 3805

Valuation Information

25-27 Fitzroy Street PO Box 676 Tamworth NSW 2340 T: 02 6763 5800 F: 02 6766 3045

Taree

Crown Lands 98 Victoria Street PO Box 440 Taree NSW 2430 T: 02 6591 3500 F: 02 6552 2816

Temora

Soil Conservation Service 206 Hoskins Street PO Box 138 Temora NSW 2666 T: 02 6977 1447 F: 02 6977 4111

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Wagga Wagga

Crown Lands Cnr Johnston & Tarcutta Streets PO Box 60 Wagga Wagga NSW 2650 T: 02 6937 2700 F: 02 6921 1851

Soil Conservation Service

Cnr Johnston & Tarcutta Streets PO Box 60 Wagga Wagga NSW 2650 T: 02 6937 2718 F: 02 6921 1851

Soil Conservation Service

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