



New South Wales  
Aboriginal Land Council



## OPPOSE THE CROWN LANDS MANAGEMENT AMENDMENT BILL 2026 TO STOP ITS PROGRESS

### PETITION TO THE NEW SOUTH WALES PARLIAMENT

We, the undersigned, oppose the *Crown Lands Management Amendment Bill 2026 (the Bill)* and call on the New South Wales Government and Parliament to immediately stop the progress of the Bill and undertake genuine consultation with Aboriginal communities and Local Aboriginal Land Councils (LALCs) before any further action is taken.

The proposed Bill raises serious concerns regarding Aboriginal Land Rights, fairness, transparency and the rule of law in New South Wales. The Bill has the potential to negatively impact unresolved Aboriginal Land Claims and undermine the intent and operation of the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983*, which was established as a compensatory mechanism for dispossession and to support Aboriginal self-determination and economic development.

We are concerned that the proposed amendments:

- Could adversely affect unresolved Aboriginal Land Claims across New South Wales.
- May retrospectively validate Crown land dealings and uses without proper scrutiny.
- Undermine confidence in long-standing legal principles and protections.
- Risk limiting opportunities for Aboriginal communities to recover, use and develop land for housing, cultural, environmental and economic purposes.
- Have progressed without adequate consultation with the NSW Aboriginal Land Rights Network and Aboriginal communities.

We call on the NSW Government to:

1. Stop the progress of the *Crown Land Management Amendment Bill 2026*.
2. Undertake genuine and transparent consultation with Aboriginal communities and LALCs.
3. Ensure that Aboriginal Land Rights are protected and upheld in accordance with the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983*.
4. Commit to fair, transparent and lawful processes regarding Crown land and unresolved Aboriginal Land Claims.

By signing this petition, we support the protection of Aboriginal Land Rights in New South Wales.

#### **Please return completed petition forms to:**

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