

NSWALC FACT SHEET: Protest, March & Press Conference

Date: Wednesday, 6 May

Location: Hyde Park, Sydney (Archibald Fountain) to NSW Parliament

Overview

A protest, march and press conference will be held on Wednesday, 6 May, commencing at the northern end of Hyde Park near the Archibald Fountain and concluding at NSW Parliament.

The New South Wales Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) is calling on all Local Aboriginal Land Councils (LALCs) and Aboriginal communities to stand together in a united front and collective response in opposition to the Crown Land Management Amendment Bill.

Background

The proposed Bill presents serious risks to Aboriginal Land Rights in NSW. It introduces powers that reach backwards, changes the rules in ways that undermine long-standing legal protections, and weakens the integrity of the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983. These changes have been pushed forward without proper consultation.

This protest is a collective action by the Aboriginal Land Rights Network, Communities, and Allies to stand together, protect Land Rights, and ensure our voices are heard.

Event Details

Date & time: Wednesday 6 May, 11:30 am

Meeting point: Northern end of Hyde Park, near the Archibald Fountain

March route: Hyde Park to NSW Parliament (Martin Place)

Order of proceedings:

- **11:30 am** – Participants arrive at Hyde Park (Archibald Fountain)
- **11:35 am** - Welcome from Chair Kelly
- **11:40 am** – Press conference begins. Speakers have been pre-organised
- **12:15 pm** – Press conference concludes
- **12:20 pm** – March departs Hyde Park
- **12:40 pm** – Protest outside NSW Parliament
- **12:50 pm** – Event concludes

On-the-ground coordination:

- NSWALC staff will act as marshals and can be identified by high-visibility yellow vests
- Participants are encouraged to stay together and follow directions from marshals at all times

Supporting materials available:

- Corflute signs will be distributed during the press conference and collected afterwards by the NSWALC media team



- A leading banner will be carried at the front of the march
- There will be no t-shirts available; we encourage participants to wear LALC or NSWALC shirts they already have. Alternatively, if you do not have one of these, we recommend wearing red, black or yellow.

Participant Guidance

- Stay together and support each other
- Follow directions from NSWALC marshals (yellow vests)
- Ask for assistance if unsure
- Prioritise safety at all times
- Familiarise yourself with the ALS Protest fact sheet before participating
- Media will be present throughout the event - if you do not wish to speak with media you can say no

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