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Dear Sir/Madam

Draft Crown Land Management Regulations

Council appreciates the opportunity to lodge a submission relating to the draft regulations.

Our review of the regulations, and the potential impacts of the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* on Council operations has raised operational and financial issues and we make the following submission.

1. Council notes Part 8 of the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* raises the prospect of a necessity for Council to employ or engage a native title manager. The cost of specialist training and qualifications for current or future Council employees to become native title managers should be borne by the NSW Government, as the requirement for each council to require such advice for what are ongoing requirements, specifically, leasing and licensing Crown land, will be ongoing. The matter of funding for the training and qualifications of native title managers requires clarity that such costs for training and qualifications will be borne by the State Government.
2. The necessity for Plans of Management for most of the Crown land vested in Council will require a great deal of internal resourcing, as well as the generation of external costs to finalise the adoption of Plans of Management, confirmation that such costs will be borne by the NSW Government is required.
3. The expansion of the regulatory measures to protect Crown land will also require training for Council staff to ensure that they are appraised of the higher legislative regulatory measures and will be authorised to take those actions now forming part of the protection of Crown land. Clarity regarding such training costs being borne by the NSW Government is required.

Council congratulates the NSW Government is bringing a new regime of legislation to manage Crown Land in NSW, and looks forward to working with the Government to bring the intentions and objectives of the legislation to fruition.

Yours faithfully

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