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NEW CROWN LAND MANAGEMENT LAWS FROM JULY

A new, more transparent approach to Crown land management comes into effect on July 1, Minister for Lands and Forestry Paul Toole said today.

The new *Crown Land Management Act 2016* will deliver a modern, streamlined and more consistent approach to the management of Crown land in NSW.

“This is the culmination of a comprehensive review of Crown land management and extensive community and stakeholder engagement,” Mr Toole said.

“It will ensure decisions about Crown land consider environmental, social, cultural heritage and economic factors for the benefit of all users.

“The Act reduces duplication and red tape, simplifies and standardises tenures and rent arrangements, and supports a more sustainable Crown estate for NSW.

“It acknowledges Aboriginal rights and interests in Crown land, including the importance of Commonwealth Native Title and State land rights legislation.”

The NSW Government will provide \$7 million to support local councils in their preparation of Plans of Management for Crown land they manage.

A Crown Land Commissioner will be appointed to provide independent advice to the Government and the community on Crown land matters.

A Community Engagement Strategy, which outlines requirements for engagement on key Crown land dealings such as licences, leases and sales, will also start on July 1.

“Communities throughout NSW will have the opportunity to be more involved in decisions on how Crown land is managed,” Mr Toole said.

Further information can be found at www.industry.nsw.gov.au and information for councils is available at www.olg.nsw.gov.au/crownland

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