



REPORT: Crown Lands of Management - Dubbo Riverside Reserves

DIVISION: Community, Culture and Places
REPORT DATE: 15 May 2025
TRIM REFERENCE: ID25/417

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Purpose	Seek endorsement	
Issue	To meet the legislative requirements in terms of public exhibition of Plans of Management (minimum 28 days plus 14 days) under the <i>Crown Lands Management Act 2016</i>.	
Reasoning	Compliance with the <i>Crown Lands Management Act 2016</i> for Council to develop Plans of Management for Crown Land (Community) that Council is Trust Manager for.	
Financial Implications	Budget Area	Community Culture and Places / Recreation and Open Spaces
	Funding Source	Community Culture and Places / Recreation and Open Spaces
	Proposed Cost	\$500
	Ongoing Costs	Not applicable
Policy Implications	Policy Title	Not applicable
	Impact on Policy	Not applicable
Consultation	NSW Crown Lands	Review of the draft document prior to going to Council.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION

The Towards 2040 Community Strategic Plan is a vision for the development of the region out to the year 2040. The Plan includes six principal themes and a number of objectives and strategies. This report is aligned to:

Theme: 4 Leadership

CSP Objective: 4.1 Council provides transparent, fair and accountable leadership and governance

Delivery Program Strategy: 4.1.2 Council's decision-making processes are open, transparent and accountable

Theme: 3 Economy

CSP Objective: 3.1 Visitor economy growth is supported

Delivery Program Strategy: 3.1.1 Diverse and unique tourism opportunities are explored,

developed and supported

Theme:	5 Liveability
CSP Objective:	5.5 Our community has access to a diverse range of recreational opportunities
Delivery Program Strategy:	5.5.1 Passive and active open space is located to maximise access and use by the community

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. Council endorse the draft Plan of Management for Riverside Reserves to progress through to public exhibition for a period of 42 days.**
- 2. That following the public exhibition period, and any identified amendments, that the final version of the Riverside Reserves Plan of Management be submitted to Council for adoption.**

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REPORT

Under the *Crown Land Management Act (CLM Act) 2016*, came into force 1 July 2017, Councils are required to produce Plans of Management for Crown Lands under their care and management that are classified as 'Community'.

21 Draft Plans of Management have been prepared to address the approximate 134 Crown Land (Community) assets managed by Dubbo Regional Council. While some of these plans are generic and cover several reserves, the Riverside Parks Plan of Management covers the following Crown Land Reserves:

Devil's Hole	83803
Devil's Hole Billabong	97134
Police Paddock	97642
Riverbank Reserve	520043
Riverbank Reserve	5890
Biddybung Park	520046

As required under the CLM Act the draft document has been sent through to Crown Lands for their review. Council received advice in February 2025 requesting minor amendments to the plan that has since been carried out.

Major points:

- Internal discussions with relevant internal stakeholders identified the opportunity to include EV Charging Stations within all Plans of Management, including Dubbo Riverside Reserves. This will enable the proposed EV Charging station at Sir Roden Cutler Park (part of Reserve 5890) to progress.
- Strategies and activities identified in the Plan of Management have been aligned with the Macquarie River Master Plan (North and South Precincts) and other strategic documentation.
- It is identified with the action plans for each reserve that achieving the identified actions are subject to council's Operation Plan/Delivery Plan and budget and that priorities may change over time, resulting in actions not being achieved within the given life span of this document.
- As part of the development of this Plan of Management it was identified that Dubbo Regional Council is not the Trust Manager for the majority of Devil's Hole. This is shown below in figure 1.

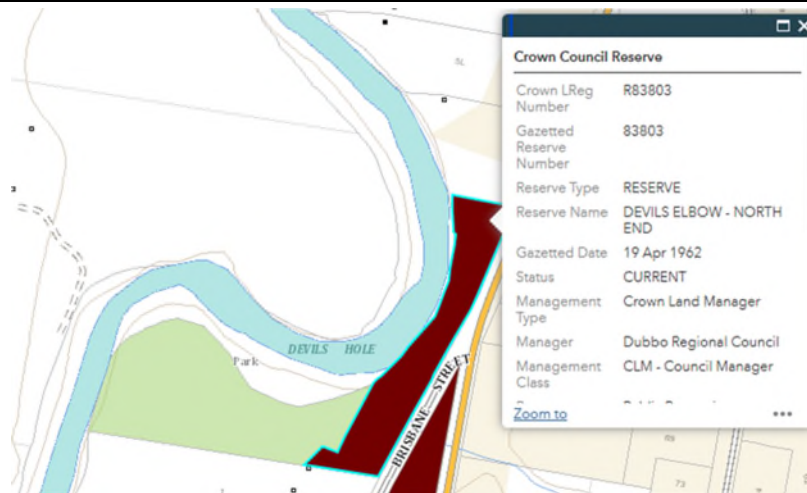


Figure 1. Devil's Hole (R83803) and Devil's Hole Billabong (R97134) shown in maroon. The green area (R63074) is "defaulted to the Minister" (ED25/37968)

Under the CLM Act the draft Plans of Management are to be publicly exhibited for 28 days, with a further 14 days for further comments. It is proposed that Council would publicly exhibit the documents for the full 42 days. Following this public exhibition minor amendments can be made prior to going to Council for formal adoption without having to go back to Crown Lands. If, however, major changes are required following community feedback then the amended draft is to go back to Crown Lands for their review before coming back to Council.

Consultation

- Creative Services have been engaged to bring the draft Plan of Management into the Council format.
- Crown Lands have been consulted with the documents and are happy with the format and the Native Title advice. They also advised that R63074 is "defaulted to the Minister" (ED25/37968) and was to be removed from this Plan of Management.
- Native Title advice was provided by Property and Land Development.

Resourcing Implications

Some staff resources will be required to undertake the public exhibition of the draft Plans of Management.

Total Financial Implications	Current year (\$)	Current year + 1 (\$)	Current year + 2 (\$)	Current year + 3 (\$)	Current year + 4 (\$)	Ongoing (\$)
a. Operating revenue	0	0	0	0	0	0
b. Operating expenses	500	0	0	0	0	0
c. Operating budget impact (a – b)	-500	0	0	0	0	0
d. Capital Expenditure	0	0	0	0	0	0
e. Total net impact (c – d)	-500	0	0	0	0	0
Does the proposal require ongoing funding?			No			
What is the source of this funding?			N/A			

Table 1. Ongoing Financial Implications

Timeframe

Key Date	Explanation
Council	May 2025
Public exhibition	July / August 2025 – depending on public exhibition program

APPENDICES:

1 Dubbo Riverside Reserves PoM_June_PE