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By email: roads@crowland.nsw.gov.au

ATT: Ms Tracey Ward

Dear Ms Ward,

Notification of proposal to sell Crown road ref. 641685

Ppty: 484 Kyola Road, KULNURA NSW 2250

I/We object to the proposed closure of Kesbys Point Road, being the Crown Road referred to in the subject road closure application.

Kesbys Pt Rd must stay in the hands of the Crown and continue to be used by members of the public and various government and community bodies as it has for close to a century. It is an important access route to McPherson State Forest for firefighting vehicles, and an egress route for emergency vehicles as well. If this road were to be closed, the NSW Rural Fire Service would lose a key access point to control bushfires within the State Forest and protect nearby residences on Kyola Rd.

The Forestry Corporation of NSW uses Kesbys Pt Rd to manage the resources within the State Forest for which it is responsible. Similarly, the NSW Department of Primary Industry uses Kesbys Pt Rd to monitor a number of forest beehives for the presence of varroa mite in the vicinity.

Further, Kesbys Pt Rd is the only access point to the State Forest for the local community and members of the local First Nations land council, and gives access to a number of nature trails and sites of cultural significance to the Darkinjung people within the State Forest that cannot otherwise be accessed except from private property or circuitous alternative access points.

Finally, Kesbys Pt Rd must remain open and in public ownership to prevent any misuse and pollution of nearby land. The community is aware of ongoing investigations by Central Coast Council into the misuse and pollution of Kesbys Pt Rd itself. If the road is closed, the

public will be prevented from continuing to monitor the road and adjacent land (including the State Forest) and reporting any further such instances of misuse/pollution to Council and Crown Lands

If Kesbys Pt Rd is to be closed, it should either be included as part of the adjacent State Forest or dedicated to Central Coast Council and reserved for a public purpose.

I/we, the undersigned, submit that this road closure application should be refused, or in the alternative Kesbys Pt Rd should be dedicated and/or reserved for the ongoing public purposes and important governmental uses to which it has been put for nearly a century.

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