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Submission Re:

**Crown road at Bullaburra,
northwest of Kent Street,
south of Blue Mountains National Park,
within the property 60 Kent Street
(File ref 14/09067, Cluster no. 547062).**

The Blue Mountains Conservation Society (BMCS) has a membership currently in the order of 800. Its members are mainly drawn from the Greater Blue Mountains and Sydney Basin regions and also includes people from other parts of NSW, interstate and overseas.

BMCS's Mission involves conserving and increasing awareness of the natural environment of the extensive Greater Blue Mountains Region (GBMR), including the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area (GBMWA) and the contained National Parks and Reserves. It has especial interest in the Blue Mountains City Council (BMCC) Local Government Area (LGA) and the interface between the 'City within the World Heritage Area' and the natural environment.

The Society therefore has particular concerns with the proposal for closure and sale of the above road. These include but are not limited to:

- The road in question gives access to the adjacent National Park and the section of Bruce's Walk from Bullaburra to Wentworth Falls. This track has historic significance in that Mr A Bruce created it on behalf of the Railway Department in 1931 and has been used in the later part of the Twentieth Century by bushwalkers and other nature lovers. A written guide to the track was created in 1983 by Mr Dick Rushton.
- Closure of the road would deny legal access to the track by the public.

In addition, The Society is concerned at the lack of general notification of this proposal. Public notifications seem to have been limited to a small number of personal letters to nearby residents and an ad in the Public Notices in Blue Mountains

Gazette. The chances of coming across this proposal on the web are minimal. There are errors in the detail (the road is an extension of Booth St, not Kent St which is some distance away) and mapping available on the website is inadequate.

The Society therefore requests an extension of the exhibition period to allow more widespread public involvement of the Blue Mountains community and the various bushwalking clubs in the Sydney Basin.

We thank you for the opportunity to lodge this submission,

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'AP', written in a cursive style.

Alan Page
President
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