

Following extensive consultation with community groups and the public, and in the light of the public consultation movement, I have decided to authorise the Council to grant leases to surf life saving clubs (SLS) on the basis of their consent.

It is important that the conditions contained in the Ministerial Authorisation are strictly complied with. To assist in this, I encourage you to familiarise yourself with the provisions of s. 102A of the Act. Any surf life saving club lease granted by a council-managed reserve trust has no effect if it is inconsistent with the Ministerial Authorisation, unless the Minister has given consent under s. 102 of the Act.

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I am pleased to deliver this initiative as a clear indication of the commitment of the Baird government to a strong and sustainable surf life saving movement in NSW and to its promise to find positive and practical ways to reduce red tape.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further, I have asked David McPherson, Group Director Regional Services DPI Lands, to be available. Mr McPherson may be contacted by email at david.mcpherson@crowland.nsw.gov.au or by telephone on (02) 4925 4112.

Yours

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