## A reply to your correspondence to the Minister for the Environment – MD17/4539

Wed, Jan 10, 2018

Dear Mr Grounds

I refer to your email to the Minister for the Environment, the Hon Gabrielle Upton MP, about the addition of Crown land to Seven Mile Beach National Park. Your email was referred to the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) and I have been asked to reply.

Thank you for bringing to my attention the high biodiversity values of the Crown land, including the migratory shorebirds, threatened species and its connection to Seven Mile Beach National Park.

Currently OEH is not able to consider the Crown land as an addition to the park. The land is subject to an Aboriginal land claim that is not determined. If Crown land is available after the Aboriginal land claim process is completed, OEH will investigate the potential for the land to be added to Seven Mile Beach National Park.

Further information about Aboriginal land claims can be found at https://www.crownland.nsw.gov.au/crown\_lands/aboriginal\_land

If you have any further questions about this issue, please contact Mr Neale Watson, Acting Manager Shoalhaven Area, South Coast Branch, National Parks and Wildlife Service, on 4454 9500 or at neale.watson@environment.nsw.gov.au.

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