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from Hansard**

NARRABEEN LAGOON CATCHMENT CROWN LAND

Ms SYLVIA HALE: I direct my question to Minister for Lands, Minister for Rural Affairs, Minister for Regional Development, and Vice-President of the Executive Council. What proportion of the Crown land in the catchment of the Narrabeen Lagoon will be reserved for permanent environmental protection, and how will the Government ensure that permanent protection? Further, what plans does the Government have for any Crown land in the catchment area that is not to be given permanent protection?

The Hon. TONY KELLY: I know Ms Sylvia Hale has a great deal of respect for my memory and my ability to recall matters, but I remind her that 53 per cent of the State of New South Wales is Crown land. I do not recall specifically the issue that has been raised but I will provide an answer in relation to it in due course.

The Hon. TONY KELLY: Earlier Ms Sylvia Hale asked me a question about the Narrabeen Lagoon Catchment. At Belrose, Cromer and Oxford Falls, 464 hectares of Crown land has been assessed under the Crown Lands Act 1989. About two-thirds of the area has been identified as suitable for environmental protection/community purposes, with the remaining one-third set aside for further investigation. The Department of Lands will consult further with Warringah Council and the Department of Environment and Conservation in respect of these lands. No action will be taken over these lands pending the finalisation of this review by way of a plan of management.