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Dear Mr Flower

NSW Travelling Stock Reserves Draft State Planning Framework 2016-2019

The Australian Native Plants Society, Canberra Region Inc. (ANPS Canberra Region) was established in 1962. ANPS is a non-profit, voluntary organisation dedicated to the growing, conservation, preservation, promotion and appreciation of Australian native plants. ANPS has a membership of over 250, including many working in a professional capacity in many spheres of native plants (e.g. ecology, botany, entomology). The Society has many aims, but two of the important ones in relation to travelling stock reserves are:

- To promote the conservation of Australian plants and their habitats.
- To observe and support laws for the preservation of Australian native plants.

Our members regularly utilise the often high conservation values found in travelling stock reserves (TSR's), and regularly produce flora, bird and insect checklists for these TSR's which can be found on our website under "Wednesday Walkers". Our website link is: <http://nativeplants-canberra.asn.au/>.

Unfortunately the call for submissions on the draft State Planning Framework only came to our attention recently when we received a copy of the Friends of Grasslands (FoG) submission of 3 December 2015.

While we recognise that some TSR's are highly disturbed, ANPS supports the information contained within the FoG submission, especially as outlined for their biodiversity and connectivity values. These values can be very high in some TSR's.

We acknowledge that funding for the maintenance of TSR's is an issue. FoG has addressed this in their submission. We support their advice that those TSR's adjacent to National Parks or Nature Reserves could well be incorporated into these areas. We can also see the value of short-term and well-timed grazing being a means of raising revenue for their maintenance. ANPS does not support the hiving off of high conservation value TSR's to any new landholder without guaranteed protection of those values being taken into account.

We strongly support all the five dot-points contained in the summary of the FoG submission.

The ANPS is pleased to support the submission by FoG, and we hope that our submission is not too late to be considered.

Yours sincerely

Lucinda Royston
President
12 February 2016