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INQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF PUBLIC LAND IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Inquiry report released today

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A Parliamentary Committee has tabled its report on the management of public land in New South Wales. The report contains 12 recommendations for Government action.

“The Inquiry was an immense undertaking. An extensive body of evidence was gathered from written submissions and oral evidence from witnesses across New South Wales” said the Committee Chair, the Hon. Robert Brown MLC.

“The evidence highlights a number of important themes, key of which is the complexity of the current approach to public land management in New South Wales. I therefore urge the Government to pursue a considered approach to how public land is managed in this State into the future, beginning with the timely implementation of all the Committee’s recommendations in the report.”

“Among the seminal recommendations in the report is that an independent, full-scale and comprehensive assessment be conducted on the management of all public lands in New South Wales, including all national parks and State forests. For the duration of this review it is also recommended that a moratorium be imposed on the creation of any new national parks or the extension of any existing national parks in New South Wales.”

“This call for change is being made, least of all to ensure a more streamlined, consistent and transparent public land management system in New South Wales” said Mr Brown.

Copies of the report can be downloaded from www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/gpsc5 or are available from the Committee Secretariat by calling (02) 9230 3081.

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