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## **INQUIRY INTO TOURISM IN LOCAL COMMUNITIES**

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Hello, in the last 12 months I have holidayed for 3 weeks in Queensland, 4 weeks in Tasmania, 4 weeks in Victoria and currently 12 weeks in Western Australia prospecting. During that period I only spent 1 week prospecting in NSW. It is all about access to reasonable fields and NSW does not allow this, although I do have a NSW Forestry fossicking license. My wife travels with me . I know I have spent in excess of \$10,000 on this current WA trip alone, \$6,500 on a gold quad-bike tour by itself. I am a Deputy Principal moving into retirement mode and am hitting 56 yrs old. As things stand I will be spending more LSL and holiday time outside of NSW as my hobby requires a diversity of areas to have a go. I suggest you open up access in NSW to us hobby prospectors, else a lot of potential money will continue to move interstate.

Regards Phil Thompson