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**INQUIRY INTO MANAGEMENT OF PUBLIC LAND IN
NEW SOUTH WALES**

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I am concerned that Mr Robert Brown of the Shooters and Fishers Party is the chair of this enquiry. I sincerely hope equal weight will be given to all sides of the argument and the enquiry will not result in halting the reservation of land for parks and the degradation of those protected areas already in existence.

Our conservation areas are important not only for biodiversity protection, but also for other critical ecosystems such as fresh water catchment protection and carbon sequestration.

The science is clear that protected areas are the most effective way of conserving biodiversity.

Local communities benefit economically and socially from national parks.

The management of national parks is undertaken by the skilled professional staff of the National Parks and Wildlife Service and supported by a large number of community volunteers who take pride in these special areas. The NPWS has considerable expertise in feral animal control, invasive weed management and fire management.

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