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

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Director,
NSW Legislative Council General Purpose Standing Committee Number 5,
Parliament House,
Sydney, 2000.

Dear Sir,

Many of the former State and Regional Parks in the Deniliquin district were converted to National Parks two years ago. My husband and I are very concerned about the Government's recent proposal to allow recreational shooters into these National Parks.

Yes, feral animal pests are a real problem in these Parks and can impact on our native wildlife, but allowing shooters access to the Parks to indiscriminately open fire on whatever moves could have serious consequences for protected species, as well as endanger human life. The local forests have long been a source of great pleasure for birdwatchers such as ourselves and fellow members of the Southern Riverina Field Naturalists Club based in Deniliquin.

If feral animal pests are to be eradicated by shooting, perhaps controlled shoots by National Parks accredited registered bodies would be the way to go, with appropriate signage being posted on forest tracks on the designated days to warn Park visitors. Appropriate baiting programmes could also be trialled, but please, NO recreational shooting.

Yours sincerely,

Judy Metcalfe and Bill Metcalfe.