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

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**My Submission
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Consideration in this enquiry for the beekeeping industry NSW and Victoria. A number of Victorian beekeepers have bee sites in NSW and are DPI registered in both states. Permitted beekeepers on a yearly basis cross the border in NSW. Not only for honey production, but the set of seed crops cereal, fruit and vegetables, also providing a vast pollination service.

- **The need for temporary sites for bees travelling interstate from Queensland to Victoria almonds, to meet 2011 Workplace Health Safety Act requirements**

(For example drop for points for bees in disused ex-travelling stock roots pre freeways and highways)

The report MORE THAN HONEY, A Parliamentary inquiry on a national level. Supporting the long term commitment for food security! The change of land tenure has, and is affecting the bee sites where private to public land has changed. Western lands lease offices in the past did not want to deal with beekeepers for licences, sending us to see the farmers on a personal agreement. The change of forestry to national parks has lost many bee sites and there is we feel more to follow. The question is surely the history of many beekeepers on traditional bee sites for past and future generation of beekeepers should remain no matter what the change of ownership. Properties have changed in tenure, without prior opportunity to take out bee licences in areas of bee operations. Continual drought in the past have effected bee movement and offset schedule flowering. With the lock up of national parks, recreational fishermen and campers encroach on traditional bee sties. The river territory is vanishing in state forests. Bee sites being removed for this incursion (eg. GOL GOL STATE FOREST). The need for the return of lost sites and more bee range in our industry is a high priority for the health of bees, with a continual access to the areas, Site security and protection for the benefit of growing beekeeping industry as well aiding the food source for the future population.

Thank you I await your response

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