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

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The negative socio-economic and environmental impact on communities as a consequence of converting productive enterprises to National Parks needs to be spelt out. Toorale Station is a classic example. As the former Chairman and CEO of Clyde Agriculture Limited, the former owners of Toorale, I have a detailed first hand knowledge of the property.

Its loss as the Bourke District's most productive enterprise is felt deeply and is greatly resented by the Bourke community. It contributed 5% of the Bourke Shires rate income and has been estimated to contribute 10% of the Shires GDP. The assumption that there is a conflict between good economic and good environmental outcomes needs to be challenged. Toorale is an excellent test case.