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

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The Committee,

Hi my name is:

I fish and live on the Mid North Coast area. Over recent years we (fishers) have been denied access to numerous beaches i.e. "Locked Out". Yagon beach was the first to go "Marine Park". Although licenced bait gatherers and professional fisherman still retained vehicular access. Next to be locked up of vehicle access was Treachery beach, leaving us one small beach to drive on, Lighthouse Beach. During holiday periods, with three camping grounds in the area, lighthouse becomes very congested, how long before it is "Locked Up"? It is in my opinion that N.P.W's are denying families with young children, elderly folks, handicapped individuals and fishers, the right to access these areas. "Open up Treachery and Yagon". Surely N.P.W's could manage these areas i.e. man beach accesses, supply vehicular permits, this could help raise revenue, patrol beached regularly etc.

As I stated earlier about professional being allocated access to Yagon beach, why couldn't we amend the MARINE BOUNDARIES?, say 200 meters seaward of the low tide mark. Thus allowing fisher persons, surfers and general beach visitors, vehicle access to Yagon beach. This beach is approximately seven kilometres in distance and this would lighten traffic volume on lighthouse beach, approximately one kilometre in distance. I am all for preserving our beautiful country and beaches for future generations, but I strongly feel that locking accesses to these areas is not the correct manner to go. What we need is management of these areas, so that we can all enjoy and utilise our beaches, National Parks etc. As I was doing personal research I came across the word "Parks", this defined that parks were allocated for recreational use, how this could be possible when we are "locked out".

Fishing for me has been a way of life, a culture if you like so why should my liberties and culture be taking away, surely it is our right to be able to catch fish and enjoy our beaches!

OPEN OUR BEACHES!!

Kind Regards,