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No 25a**

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

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Advantages of moving to National Park

Safety issues of various transport modes in Nat. Parks

Safety & economic issues with Shooters being allowed into Nat. Parks



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Submission: Inquiry into the Management of Public Land in New South Wales.

Dear Committee.

**The conversion of Crown Land, State Forests and Agricultural land into National Park estate is a natural and essential progression to protect rare and endangered flora, fauna, aboriginal sites, historical buildings and geological landscapes in New South Wales.**

This progression protects biodiversity from unsuitable development and uses. This gives everyone including future generations the opportunity to enjoy and experience these rare and very different environmental communities.

National Parks in my experience are the most organised government or non – government group I have dealt with and would be an asset to any community which has or is to have lands that move into National Parks. The Professionalism, knowledge and specialised training can provide expert assistance in areas of native flora, fauna, Aboriginal knowledge, fire, weed and pest management to name just a few.

Supplying tourism, economic benefits and local employment are some of the positives that conversion to National Parks can bring.

**The River Red Gum Forests** are an excellent example of saving very rare Forests and the many positives that can come such as:

- a) The River Red Gum Forests act as a filter for the river supplying fresh water to the many towns along the Murray River
- b) Is an important habitat for THOUSANDS of migratory birds including 18 migratory species listed under international agreements with China, Japan and Korea
- c) Attract Tourists

- d) Have allowed joint management of the Millewa Forests by the Yorta Yorta people
- e) Supply crucial habitat for 50 threatened species such as the Superb Parrot
- f) Protection of five land and two aquatic endangered ecological communities.
- g) Provides a nursery habitat for native fish, frogs, turtles and crayfish.



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**Other Related Matters to the Management of Public Lands are Uses and Developments that would damage National Parks.**

The use of four –wheel drive vehicles, mountain bikes, horses, motor bikes in National Parks should be restricted to areas where they will not cause damage to native Flora, Fauna, Aboriginal sites, landscape features, heritage objects and waterways. Access should only be on Established roads.

An area of concern is the danger to National Parks Visitors by the many and varied people who wish to use National Parks at the same time on the same road for example using the varied forms of transport. For example Horse Riders having their horse frightened by Motor Bikes and Four Wheel Drives. Horse Riders going into bushland is especially dangerous with the number of Wombat holes. Bush Walkers being frightened by speeding Mountain Bikes and Cars.

**The new legislation which allows shooting in National Parks** on the grounds of removing feral animals is an extremely dangerous decision which is not in the interests of the majority of people who wish to enjoy National Parks. I fear for the safety of the Public, National Parks Officers, Horse Riders and Neighbours.

It is the most backward and dangerous legislation and its ripple effects will be of tidal wave proportion.

It will directly affect the numbers of people who will go to National Parks.

It will directly affect businesses that rely on the passing trade that National Parks provide including food, petrol, accommodation, gift shops and Ecotourism Operators for example.

It will decrease employment in many areas that are already battling now.

*This legislation removes the professional management and eradication of feral pests in National Parks and as a matter of URGENCY SHOULD BE REPEALED !!!!!*

**Development** should be off park and should be highly restricted on park because of the damage that would be caused to National Parks.

When you go to the many and varied National Parks you are looking to enjoy the environment and to get away from the city, buildings, shopping centres, noise.

The Public and Tourists come to National Parks to literally “get away from it all.”



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National Parks in New South Wales is the multi-faceted diamond which provides so many smiles and so much enjoyment.

**It is the responsibility of every Member of the New South Wales Parliament to protect, encourage and enhance National Parks.**

Yours Sincerely.



Photo 1 Doctors Point Swamp during flood, Photo by Keith Ward

Photo 2 Murray River Turtle

Photo 3 Swift Parrot

Photo 4 & 5 White Bellied Sea Eagle, Photo by Hans & Judy Beste.