

**Submission  
No 360**

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

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This submission is on behalf of the 306 odd Members of the Southern Riverina Hunting Club inc. Who had previously used the Murray River flood plains for activities ranging from hunting, fishing, wood collection, photography, walking, bike riding, cattle grazing, camping and timber cutting which are now largely prohibited.

## Submission for Public Lands Management Enquiry NSW

Please accept this submission on behalf of the

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Many of our Members live and use the Public lands along the Murray River.

It is with disgust that we hear from many members of the club over the last couple of years that they have gone to do their usual recreational activities in the red gum forests with family and friends only to find that they have been locked out for no apparent reason and then have to return the long distances home as there is nowhere else to access the river or floodplains.

One reason was due to the flooding, however the gates still need not to have been locked as commonsense that has prevailed for years before tells people it is wet don't go in!! Unfortunately these gates remain locked long after the flooding has ceased.

We have absolutely no problem with these flood plains and river access being held and conserved as sustainable use public land for all types of activity but disagree completely with the concept that they should be changed from not only the professional and sustainable use of a valuable resource but also totally different from what they were prior to white man settlement of the areas with users locked out or severely restricted as is now the norm.

These Murray River Red Gum forests bear little resemblance to what they were when white man first arrived and the practice of locking up these forests with the concept that they are pristine or even representative of what was here prior to white man is just bloody minded and delusional politically driven gobbledygook from city centric people who have no idea how this part of our country or our country as a whole has evolved to match the environment.

We should continue with the control practices of the professional management from Govt, recreational, and commercial users all working together with a plan for sustainable use and good commercial and recreational outcomes for all.

We beg this committee to please take note of the wealth of evidence from all the people who have lived and breathed this country for almost two centuries rather than the inner city theorists or even the university trained "experts" who have no idea.

It is impossible to return this country to anything resembling what it was due to many different circumstances including less water at the correct times caused both from community use and climate differences plus a multitude of pest both animal and plants, the use prior to the lock up for NP use took these into account and in fact turned them to advantage and in fact profitable use.

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