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

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For the attention of the General Purpose Standing Committee No. 5.

Concerning the management of public lands in New South Wales inquiry.

I believe a continual expansion of National Parks in New South Wales is important for a number of reasons.

My family and I regularly go on holidays to NSW National Parks for the specific reasons of engaging with the natural environment, seeing conservation in action and generally appreciating the peace and quiet of the Australian outback. We contribute money directly into local communities and the State Government through National Parks agencies in doing so. During school holidays and public holidays I see many camping grounds at above capacity and note that these people are all also putting money into local communities and National Parks.

Surely an expanding network of national parks will better facilitate and accommodate the needs of the growing NSW population.

I am a post-graduate university student studying Ornithology. The fundamental core of sciences such as Ornithology involves recognising the importance of pristine areas of land that provide havens for biodiversity. The more land that is conserved that features a wide range of habitats and ecosystems the better. Healthy habitats in national parks also provide an important carbon sink to aid in the reduction of human-induced global warming.

Professionally I work in areas of national parks, such as the Kanangra-Boyd and Blue Mountains National Parks. Often parts of the park are closed for feral animal control, and I have witnessed some of the control measures being undertaken. I have noted a reduction in some feral animal populations in these areas. I have noted feral dog numbers to be increasing, but animals such as feral horses and cattle being reduced. I believe a well-funded feral extermination plan carried out by the NSW National Parks agencies is the most appropriate way forward.

Thank you for your time.

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