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

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The prime raison d'être of national parks is to conserve the tiny remnants of bushland that remain after 220 years of 'civilisation'. It is abundantly clear to me that the aim of this tawdry exercise is to completely change the basis of national parks, with conservation of ecosystems and their composite species being replaced by recreation and commerce. The resultant combination of logging, grazing and high impact recreation will lead to their degradation. A look at places like Newnes Plateau will quickly provide a clear view of the degraded future of these valuable wild places. The preservation of the water that we drink, the air that we breathe and the fragile ecosystems must be paramount. The terms of reference of this enquiry, and the political affiliation of the proponents, reinforce the obvious conclusion that the enquiry is a shameful farce. I object in the strongest terms to this enquiry being conducted at all.

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