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

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To Whom It May Concern:

Hello. I am writing to the parliamentary committee as a concerned member of the community—my family has owned property next to Scheyville National Park since 1982.

I would like to start by saying that the National Park program is a fabulous institution, and does a great service to the community. But there are certain aspects of the park, those that my friends and family hold dear (the national trail, horse riding) that need to be further addressed. I understand that there are several concerns with horse riding in these parks, and I believe that a regimented series of bridal trails is the best way to approach the matter. There also needs to be a separation of motorbike trails from those of horses to avoid scaring the animals. Finally, a set of guidelines should be posted indicating to riders the rules of the trail (i.e. only walking or trotting in specified area to avoid damage to the soil, no riding after periods of heavy rain or bad weather, etc...). I believe that the horse community could be relatively self-managed because the park is recognized as an amazing resource. I've been riding in this specific national park since 1971, and it's been a great source of pleasure for my family and me.

In terms of bushfires, there needs to be maintenance of the landscape so that this destructive threat can be minimized. I understand that some parties support a natural, unhindered growth of the land, but considering that these parks are located in largely suburban neighborhoods, the threat to communities cannot be ignored.

Finally, one last note on the horse trails. Traveling stock for riders—especially on the longer trails—is essential. And in line with that point, these stocks need to be protected against the feral animals. I often see feral cats, and I would strongly support a means of bringing these feral populations under control.

Thank you for your consideration,

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