

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

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National Parks and Nature Reserves have been conserved for the the preservation of the natural environment and its passive enjoyment by the citizens of Australia. These areas are vital for so many reasons relating to the environment and for people's well-being that they must be kept that way and not sacrificed as a playground for inappropriate activities. For many years conservation-minded people have done wonders in preserving special places for these reasons and now regard these places as sacrosanct. They contain in so many cases the only examples of the vegetation of our land, the vast of majority having been destroyed in the pursuit of agriculture, towns and associated infrastructure. There are many thousands of hectares of degraded land that could be purchased for the activities the Shooters and Fishers Party wants which can be developed for their pastimes. In the meantime there are thousands of people who need the values provided by our parks, values also needed as habitat for conserving our Australian flora and fauna, especially in view of the threat to many of our woodland birds. These protected areas have been fought hard for over the past years and are regarded as precious and irreplaceable and should not be tampered with under any circumstances.