

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

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Attention: The Hon Robert Brown MLC
Shooters and Fishers Party - (Chair)

RE: PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY INTO THE CONVERSION OF CROWN LAND, STATE FORESTS AND AGRICULTURAL LAND INTO NATIONAL PARKS

In response to the notice for submissions I received dated 4/5/2012. I would like to submit the following comments:

The conversion of crown land state forests and agricultural land into national parks or other conservation guises is a joke. Simply because it stops primary production sustainable use of redgum and other hardwood native trees which inturn creates employment. Basically if the area's that have been mentioned are locked up it will be purely green politics as there will be no environmental benefits what so ever because the mining companies can rape and pillage what they like. I have also heard there will be a mine opening in the near future which will have effects on Yanga.

I currently manage a farm on the Darling River near Pooncarie. Due to managing this farm I cannot work my fishing business to its full potential. I do not know how long I will be employed at this farm, as the farm is always up for sale at the right price. So any restriction of access to the afore mentioned areas will have a huge impact on my ability to earn a living from my fishing business. We already have an incredibly hard time accessing (Western Land Lease) Holdings as most farmers have the belief they own the waterways and what is in it that is either adjacent or on their leased land. Basically this means any further restrictions put on areas that licensed fishers can fish will be disastrous.

To my understanding under National Parks Act Section 44: basically states;
"that park staff are not to impede commercial fishing operations".

I phoned the Bourke National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) office earlier in the year seeking access into Nocolche and Toorale, I was told that i had to speak to a Nerada Green but she was not in the office. I left my details and was told that she would call me within the next couple of days. The following morning Craig Arms from the Dubbo office called me in relation to my inquiries at the Bourke office which I found to be a bit strange considering my inquiries were for the Bourke area. We spoke about access to the areas I wanted to go into, he told me that there was a permit type system being established for fishers and there would be a cost involved as well as administration delays.

What these NPWS employees do not understand are the time constraints that fishers work under and the distances we have to travel. So having to go through a whole heap more red tape and a cost for the permit is an impediment on the fisher.

So if these proposed parks go ahead, all fishers should be issued permanent access permits into these and all other relevant parks and conservation areas west of the Newell Highway as well as being given rights to camp in the parks.

As far as the conservation impacts caused by fishers, they are very minimal due to the rules and regulations set out by the Department of Fisheries. Furthermore, it is in the fishers interest to follow the best practise so as to keep their business viable and sustainable.

One more comment I would like to make is about Section 37 Permits, constantly being denied which i think is environmental vandalism. There was a segment on Landline (22/07/2012) on the ABC, the owner of Charlie Carp Fertiliser from Deniliquin(NSW), stated on the program that the supply of carp that he uses comes from South Australia and Gippsland area in Victoria. Reason being because he cannot source carp from New South Wales fishermen.

Yours sincerely
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