

Submission
No 224

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

Organisation: Hastings Sporting Car Club

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Dear Sir/Madam

RE: STATE FOREST CLOSURES

We write to you today to voice our concerns about the Committee scrutinizing the management of some of the State's Public Land and converting it into National Park. This includes the undesirable trend of closing trails and limiting access into various NSW State Forests.

The closing of roads and trails completely and limiting access in other areas will greatly affect our club with the staging of Car Rallys. Our club alone hosts at least two car rallies per year. This brings numerous people to our area. Not only will it stop this sport it will also mean that the area receives no money from it. It will also affect Dirt bike riders, 4WD enthusiasts, Rock Climbers, abseilers, and horse riders.

Accommodation, and businesses alike, along with the local showground stand to loose a great deal if we are unable to stage our rallies. The showground is used as the Headquarters and start/finish point of our rallies and is one of the showgrounds biggest fundraisers each year. Also their camping facilities are booked out for the weekends.

When setting up for our rallies we often remove trees that have fallen due to weather and cut back any overhanging branches. (Even though we pay the Forestry for use of the roads). We take pride in the areas we use, but they are diminishing in quantity and we just hope that you are able to help keep these roads and trails open for future use. We want family, friends and visitors to continue to enjoy our Aussie Bush for many years to come.

Les & Cynthia Smith

President and Secretary

Hastings Sporting Car Club (based Port Macquarie)