

**Submission
No 454**

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

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To all the members of the of the of the inquiry into public lands .
I have been a inland commercial fisher thirty five years the losses of
our fishery to national parks has been devastating I am fording a
letter the was first sent to Bob Debus Minister for the Environment
NO reply was ever received 29-3-06 then took the letter to our
Annual meeting in July 2007 see copy of pages 1 2 3 4 .To this day
have never had a reply was the labour government worried about
compensation. The losses to our fishery over the last 10 years is in the
hundreds of thousands of dollars. This must stop and the rights to
compensating must be looked at .All rights to these and many other
national parks must be look at and our right to assess these parks be
given back .WE own the right to fish these waters now parks say
they are now Ramsar-wetlands and can no longer be fished. I have
fish Moria State Forest over thirty years in 2002 it was listed to
Ramsar. I went to meeting we were told the nothing would change go
on fishing. This is now part of river red gum national park will this
be the next park to be closed. See page 5 54 iv)we made this
agreement. Parks Management have no right to stop us from fishing .
I must thank Jason Rivett fellow fisher for the hard work over the
last 12 month in finally gaining access to two parks. I went with Jason
to Nocoleche and over five trips ten days the catch of yabbies was
3070kg worth just on forty thousand dollars .the best stretch of the
paroo river on this park is still denied access to stating it is sensitive
to enter that part of the Paroo this may have up to eighty thousand
dollar worth of yabbies we must not be denied access to this and
other parks. You can now see what our true losses are over the last
ten to fifteen years from these parks.

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