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

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For a long time now firearms have been banned from National Parks & other public lands. This rule assumes that every citizen is a criminal. People's lives can be put in danger because they are unable to carry a gun for signaling & if necessary for shooting small game for survival food.

Our 18th century living history group is unable to utilise National park areas because we are not able to carry our flintlock guns, even though we have no intention of using them. They are simply a part of our period equipment that we must carry at all times in order to enjoy our hobby/recreation.

It is easy enough to make rules such as carrying in a certain amount of survival food, which we do anyway. Banning firearms is not the answer, heavy penalties for breaking the law in National Parks should be employed. This should include loss of gun licence & jail time or public works or both.

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