

Submission
No 252

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

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To whom it may concern

Re: The inquiry by the current Legislative Council inquiry conducted by the [General Purpose Standing Committee No. 5](#). An inquiry established on 23 April 2012, to inquire into the management of public land in New South Wales.

It is our current view that giving responsibility to the parks to manage more land without incorporating full consultation and accountability is tantamount to increasing mismanagement.

The national parks system of management leaves much to be desired. For example: There is a burden placed on landholders who join state controlled public land where there is ineffective weed control carried out. Government officials will tell you that they run out of funds but the same rule of neglect does not apply to landholders who run out of funds. Landholders are required to remove noxious weeds or feral animals even though they invade a landholder's property from mismanaged public lands. Decision of this nature should apply equally to all parties. It should not be a defence for one and a liability for the other. Park supervision appears to be a law unto itself based on the father knows best principle or trust us we are experts. Furthermore, it does not offer meetings or support in Southern Highlands/Monaro to those neighbouring or in proximity to Kosciusko that are severely affected by wild dogs and or other feral animals or noxious plants and bush fires emanating from parks. National Parks provide no transparency for its policies or actions and shows no accountability. Nor do they seriously take note of comments provided by landholders. Therefore, providing more land for the parks to mismanage may be politically expedient or convenient but **would not** be a sound decision in the longer term based on their current practices.

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