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

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The Director
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Dear Sir

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National Parks were established to provide for the conservation of fauna and flora and to provide an opportunity for citizens to enjoy the natural environment. The current legislation which allows for recreational shooting in them is in conflict with their basic purpose and everything that has been done for many years to further their objectives.

The safety of Park employees eg rangers and of other users (campers, bushwalkers) is compromised by allowing shooting in these Parks. Shooters are unlikely to respect the purposes for which the Parks were established and may well shoot fauna as well as feral animals. The accidental shooting of other park users is also likely at some stage.

The opposition of rangers to the current legislation has highlighted the contradiction between the objectives of these Parks and the current legislation. The fact that it was passed as part of a deal with the Premier to gain the votes of the Shooters Party to allow the sale of power stations speaks for itself.

The development of land in National Parks for commercial operators and especially the setting aside of attractive areas in Parks for the sole use of paying guests of these operators should also be banned.

Yours sincerely

Stan Marks