

**Submission
No 428**

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

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The Director

General Purpose Standing Committee No 5

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Dear Sir/Madam

Our property is located near the small town of Nerriga. We run cattle and merino sheep – Superfine wool and crossbred ewes for fat lambs. My boys are sixth generation here. I am concerned that if there is not something done with the management of Public lands such as National Parks, State Forest etc issues such as Wild dogs, hazard reduction and weed control it will be too late.

My main concern is wild dog management. Over the past 20 years of constant dog attacks due to the breeding up of numbers in the National Park area to the north of our property I feel not enough is being done.

National Parks are not consistent in their roll to control wild dogs on a regular basis. Only for annual aerial baiting and our SELHPA dog trappers I would not be operating today. We cannot get back far enough into the Parks to stem the flow of wild dogs. The inconsistency and the FUNDING issues make me believe that the National Parks should be taken out of wild dog management in NSW .

Bees Nest Nature Reserve and the Morton National Park Wilderness Area have had a negative effect on our farm. The increase in dog attacks and sheep losses has not been helped with the National Park purchase of adjoining property, this has seen aerial baits being reduced from 40 to 10 baits per klm.

It must be noted that the Parks have allowed baiting to continue in this areabut still not enough.

This is only a couple of issues and I would like to discuss this further.

I would like to speak at one of the Public Hearings

Yours Faithfully

John Rolfe