

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

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We ask why this inquiry is necessary and worry about all the hidden agendas? Are we entering a time zone in NSW that will go down in history as the holocaust of the little that remains of the once vast NSW natural environment.

There is a constant battle across this planet between humans and nature. A battle that nature is losing at an alarming rate as species after species is depleted to extinction. Australia, as an enlightened nation, has recognised this by choosing to have a policy of Natural Environment Conservation in an effort to try to protect and preserve our diminishing natural assets. There is no halfway house, one either conserves the natural world or destroys it.

Sadly every human plays a part in the destruction of natural life on the planet by just being alive, for we occupy land; we purchase consumer goods; we add to the world's pollution problems; we increase our numbers; we unwittingly destroy the equilibrium of the natural ecosystems.

We plead to the current NSW Government, do not finalise the destruction of what little remains of the Australia we inherited in 1788. Maintain our National Parks and protected reserves. Nature and Sporting Recreation are chalk and cheese and do not go hand in glove. Do not lose the few natural treasures we still have by joining the majority of the peoples on this earth and destroying natural life because we either enjoy doing so or place no importance or understanding in protecting it. Once it is gone, it is gone forever.

As human scientific and intellectual understanding develops so does our responsibility to make the difficult decisions. Protecting the natural world is difficult and costly work but may offer the future human race benefits undreamed of today. Destroying the natural world is child's play, we can all do it for little cost with our eyes closed and in total ignorance of what benefits we may be taking from the human race.

We plead do not let political games rule your head. However you choose to amend the management of public lands in NSW maintain the policy of Protection and Conservation of NSW natural assets as paramount. Do not mix conservation of our natural flora and fauna species with recreational sports, like shooting and horse-riding, and other activities that impact heavily on the environment. And please do not remove National Park protection from the few NSW lands that are currently so designated.