

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

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The chair,

I wish for the national parks and reserves to remain open to the public, not only as the vice president of the Walbundrie Anglers Club, but as a recreational fisherman and very keen camper/traveller. I have recently come across one of our favourite fishing destinations between mulwala and tocomwal which we were greeted at the gate by a lock refusing us entry. we were apalled by our findings as it was a solid 2 hour drive to get there. our club and my family have camped along the banks of the murray and murrumbidgee rivers for generations. these redgum areas are generally kept to a minimum fire hazard by people using them, not sitting there untouched. i want my children to be able to witness the upbringing i had by witnessing the great outdoors, not cooped up at home on a computer or in front of a television, kids are changing these days due to these kinds of actions taken by people who clearly were those kids glued to computers and televisions. i want my kids to have the opportunity to have a fishing rod in there hand not a game controller, i want my kids not to grow up in the society that is limited to drugs and violence for fun, but to get out fishing and camping, traveling, seeing the areas that are natural not run by technology.

the future of our parks and reserves should be up to those who use them, not paper pushers working off statistics and graphs. please change the management of these parks to one that is user friendly, so we can all keep in touch with the areas that bring us happiness.

Kari Sattler