

**Submission
No 423**

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

Name: Mr Henry Davies

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Henry George Washington Davies
"6th Generation Commercial Fisherman Licence

I left school (1950) at age 13 years 9 months to get my licence.
My father and grandfather were fishing at Yanga Station, Balranald NSW.

My son Darryn Davies fished with me (Darryn Robert Davies Licence)
In 1952 caught fish at Euston, to send to Snobs Creek Hatchery, to start breeding
Native fish to replace stock in rivers.

Jim Waughton was in charge of this project. We did not get paid. When the John
Lake Centre opened in Narranderra, my father went to the research station to
work. I went up there to catch fish to put in the ponds to breed. I went back to
Yanga to carry on fishing.

Our relation came from Wales 1853. Their boat sank at Barwon Heads Bluff in
1853. They were fisherman and metallurgists.

I fished as a boy with my grandfather. I fished in Yanga with other fisherman from
1950 till Yanga was bought by "National Parks" 2005.

We had meetings to try to go back fishing but weren't able to. We had no access,
so have not been able to fish.

We were earning \$87,000.00 a year. We have not been able to fish since. Before
we were catching up to 5 tons of carp per week, selling in Melbourne market and
to crayfish men.

We have been fishermen for 159 years - 1853 - 2012. We eat fresh fish four
times a week.

We were told we could fish in 92% of New South Wales in 2001. Now we have a
lot less at 2%.

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Cameron Westaway – Head of Fisheries said he would rather let the fish die than let us catch them. Hundreds of tons of fish died when the lakes dry up. A waste of revenue and fish.

I have never had a fishing offence or had a driving offence of any sort. I have driven a truck and ute since I was 16 years of age. I have not had an accident.

We respect the law and fisheries. The Big Cod in Swan Hill was designed from my photos of big cod.

The worst part of this is stopping us fishing and catching yabbies in National Parks. It has ruined our whole life.

There are so many people that want to eat fresh fish. They cannot be left to go rotten and waste.