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

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I am 56 and am finding increasingly difficult to access the place I have fished and camped my whole life. For two reasons.

1. I am getting older and locked gates are so far back from many creeks that I visit is making it very difficult to access lands my taxes help keep. It is very easy for a young fit person access these area but increasingly difficult for the older members of our community.

2. As time goes on they are putting the gates further and further back. In the catchment for Warragamba Dam after the Giardia scare. The government decided to keep humans out of the catchment while wild pigs in the hundreds dig up along many of the creeks. Defecating and urinating in the water. Yet nothing is done about the pig problem. It comes across like the National Parks like the pigs but dislike humans.

I think we need a complete revamping of the attitudes concerning our National Parks and the way it views people and the public.

The public get a strong feeling the attitude of the national parks is anti human and they are there for conservation only. BUT are they also not there for the public to enjoy the great outdoors as well, not just the tourist areas but many of the fire tails and remote beautiful part of our parks that are never seen.

Thank you