

**Submission
No 511**

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

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The Director,
General Purpose Standing Committee No. 5,
NSW Legislative Council,
Parliament House,
Macquarie Street,
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Sir,

PARLIAMENTARY PUBLIC LAND INQUIRY

Our Association is most concerned about the areas of land that are being closed off to public access in the Eurobodalla Shire, most particularly in the areas surrounding Durras Lake, and to the north of this lake. These lockouts are being put in areas that have always been open to the public, and which have always been available to recreational fisher persons wishing to fish in those parts of the lake and foreshore that have not been declared as Sanctuary Zones in the Batemans Marine Park. Whilst in opposition our local member, Member for Bega, Andrew Constance promised us that if the Liberal Coalition were to gain government in NSW then they would do everything in their power to remove some of the restrictions placed on recreational fishers by the then Labor Government when they created the Batemans Marine Park. In fact, since gaining government the present Liberal Coalition Government has done the complete reverse, and is closing off areas that were previously available to us. It is as if the Labor Party and the Greens are still governing NSW.

We are also most concerned that the present NSW Government is now putting up for sale many of the "paper roads" in NSW. These routes have always been available to the public to gain access to fishing spots, and are also available to fire fighters to combat bushfires when the need arises. If these "paper roads" become private property then they will be closed off to the public forever. We strongly urge your Committee to recommend to the Government that public access to all of the areas mentioned above be retained at all costs.

Yours faithfully,

Len Tompkins
Hon. Secretary