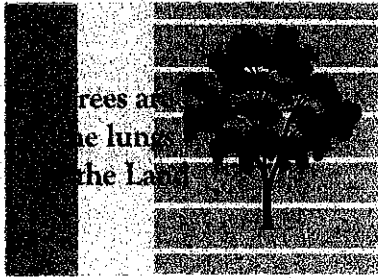


**Submission  
No 432**

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

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Hon Robert Brown MLC  
Committee Chair  
General Purpose Standing Committee No 5

Dear Mr Brown,

## RE PUBLIC LAND MANAGEMENT INQUIRY

Herewith a submission on the above.

The Public Land referred here is the Jerrara Dam Site in the Municipality of Kiama, 6km west of the township.

It is a declared Bushfire Hazard.

Early in 2011 the draft of a "Practical Study of Bushland" neglect was handed to the Shadow Minister for Illawarra, Greg Pearce and to the later elected Liberal candidate Gareth Ward, who we understand had a copy given to the new Minister for Environment.

The study has four appendices dealing with local issues which contain pictures that show the continuing actions of local residents to deal with issues at the dam site.

The main issues being the eradication of a mass of Water Hyacinth that covered the Jerrara Dam.

Attached are copies of text from the study for email purposes. These quickly show the weird actions by Kiama Political Greens to firstly hinder the residents who finally overcome the problems.

The study highlights the Kiama Political Greens as Masters of misinformation and experts at wasting OPM (other people's money).

The residents had a team to care for and extend remnant rainforest in the South East corner of the dam. They viewed at Nowra how the National Parks and Wildlife were attacking a similar problem and visited an existing rainforest at Jamberoo.

..... "I love trees; I regard conservation as vital for world survival, BUT conservation doesn't mean preservation, it means management of resources" .... *Judge Michael Helsman SMH 1988*



The Kiama Council political Greens who took over chairmanship of the Jerrara Dam Committee vetoed the project because it was intended to remove Privet and Acacias that were overcoming the remnant rainforest.

The residents lost interest but continued with the new Illawarra Noxious Weeds Officer to complete removal of the Water Hyacinth and have a clear surface Dam.

Local resident Peter McGlinchey has provided a comment on the infestation of remnant rainforest of Kiama Local Government Area. We have also referenced comments from Gerroa leading community man Clive Emery on the Riparian Land in the LEP.

The Privet on the South East corner of Jerrara Dam has turned into a monoculture leaving the area beneath bare except for new privet seedling – the understory has gone but near the edge of the stone wall a single Maidens Hair Fern still exists.

The Privet, Acacias and Pittosporum (sweet), Wild Tobacco are spreading rapidly on-site and the mature trees providing masses of seed spread by birds also onto neighbouring farmlands and roadsides.

Kiama Council emphasises that the Tree Preservation Order applies to **all** of Kiama Municipality.

We note that the Standard Instrument Principal Local Environmental Plan @ 5.9 says "Preservation of Trees or Vegetation (optional)". We are told the 1979 Environmental Planning and assessment Act did require a Tree Preservation Order in the LEP but it was repealed in 2005.

Perhaps this act should also be updated.

We appreciate the NSW Legislative Council is doing this enquiry and trust our submission will be of some help.

Should the representative of the Legislative Council require further help the wrter would only be to willing to assist with an on-site visit.

On behalf of the Jerrara CALM Team,

PS. We recommend a look at the Draft Study with the Minister of Environment, Appendix B last picture. Could note sign "Native Regeneration Area" hidden in Lantana and Privet seedlings.

PPS. The Kiama Policital Greens have been as useful as the weeds that need eradicating from our local bushland.