

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

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To Whom It May Concern

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Public land, reserves and national parks, are a vital entity to be cherished and protected. As places where remnants of indigenous flora and fauna have managed to survive, albeit tenuously in some instances, careful management is critical.

National parks and reserves should not be considered as resources for plundering (logging, or for use as grazing land), or a source of new territory for 4 wheel drive and motorcycle enthusiasts. These activities will put a severe strain on all populations of animals, and destroy the biodiversity of unique environments.

Logging should not be allowed in the few remaining forests, be they old growth, or those that have managed to 'recover' from previous logging. These areas provide fresh water and carbon sequestration, it is incumbent upon government to preserve and protect these assets. Additionally, their value as Aboriginal sites is incalculable. Any use of public land, other than access aimed to protect and conserve, or as a visitor to appreciate, should not be allowed. Protection and conservation would allow the flourishing of plant and animal communities and their ecosystems.

Visiting a national park is an experience I treasure and value deeply. It would be irresponsible and shameful to jeopardise the long term survival of our forests and native wildlife by allowing any activity or access that threatens their integrity.

I send this submission in the hope that it will be read, its contents taken seriously. And then appropriate action ensue.

Sincerely yours

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