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

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To Whom it may concern,

When I was a teenager over 40 yrs ago, I used to love camping, shooting & generally enjoying the bushland with my dog through-out the Harvey Ranges & Bumberry Hills around Parkes. There was always something you could do as a hobby in these places - young people didn't get bored then.

When I retired from train driving, I moved down to the Batemans Bay area.

It was here that I found that you can't camp in the bush except @ designated locations, DEFINATELY CAN'T use your metal detector or 240v generator in the National Parks, no fires on the beaches, no overnight camping allowed at a lot of the council areas & DEFINATELY NO DOGS allowed in the National Parks. Then along came the Batemans Bay Marine Park!!!

We did the only sensible thing open to us - we moved back to Dubbo but guess what - at my favourite old camping site & drivers rest area located between Parkes & Baldry, was a nice shiny new sign that said "Goobang National Park - NO dogs allowed!!!"

I hereby make the submission that:

- 1/ amateur prospecting & gold panning be allowed in National Parks.
- 2/ Dogs be allowed on a leash in CERTAIN national Parks.
- 3/ Camping be allowed on all Government reserves, Parks & roadside rest areas. (The later applies for driver reviver rest stops.)
- 4/ A NSW miners right permit be brought into force like Victoria - allowing 1 permit to cover all NPs & Forest throughout NSW instead of the dozens of Forest permits now needed to detect in State Forest.

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