

**Submission
No 307**

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

Organisation: Yarrowitch/Tia Wild Dog Association

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General Purpose Standing committee No5
Inquiry into the management of Public Land in NSW

Background

Yarrowitch/Tia Wild Dog Ass'n is a large wild dog control group of about 1000 square kilometres on the south eastern corner of the New England Tablelands with approx. 290 Kms of boundary with Forests NSW and National Parks, With over 70 neighbours joining Forestry and Parks and over 200 properties effected by feral dogs

SUBMISSION

1/ I strongly disagree with the idea of more land (public and private) being transferred in to National Parks;

A/ the economic loss to country communities from the decrease of Forestry and/or Agricultural income. National Parks despite having cultural and heritage values generate very little in financial benefit for small communities

B/ National Parks have had their budget cut heavily over the past number of years which is making impossible to control the pest and weed problems in the current national parks. If more land was to go into national parks a large increase in budget to be needed from the NSW Government to administrate the extra land

2/ the administration of the regulations of public land varies between different government agencies and between different area managers within a government agency. (E.g. Yarrowitch/Tia Wild Dog Ass'n is in the Northern Tablelands area for the National Parks which do a very good job trying to control weeds and pest animals (wild dogs being one of their largest costs in the budget) but the mid North Coast national parks do very little on the dog problem causing an large increase of dogs travelling from the coastal parks to the tablelands)The regulations should bind the agencies to control the problems of weeds and feral animals

Thank you
Donald Noakes