



THE MID NORTH COAST &
NORTH COAST ARE THE
FRAUDULENT SEPP 44 KOALA
HABITAT CAPITALS OF THE
N.S.W. COAST!!

PROPOSED SEPP 44 CHANGES.

WHAT IS THIS?

MORE NATIONAL PARKS

LAND GRABS!!

National Parks

National Parks does not score so well.

Firstly, "National" is really "State".

"Parks" includes National Parks, State Recreation Areas and Conservation Areas – any area controlled by NPWS in NSW.

The idea of Parks is a good idea; the problems come from the way they are managed – from the NPWS organisation.

Now, NPWS workers are good workers, just doing their jobs, like we do (with the exception of some over-zealous rangers). Some NPWS people do good work in research and education.

However, the organisation appears to have a huge attitude problem and an over-developed sense of supremacy.

The problems must come from higher in the organisation.

From the 1970s, when I worked in the Snowy area, I have seen the rise of the NPWS empire. NPWS appears to have become an increasingly obsessive, self-serving, over-managing organisation.

It appears to have assumed and promoted its own authority without commensurate social responsibility and without accountability to the public for its attitudes and practices.

It is an organisation that is widely disliked in regional NSW.

It has become characterised by obsessions, land-grabs, money-grabs, empire-building and lock-outs.

Heritage: NPWS has reportedly even destroyed items of heritage – For example Carters Brush Trail - closed and ripped.

Land-grabs: NPWS seems to want to grab every bit of land it can. Local land-grab examples, near Newcastle, are in Barrington Tops, Wattagans, Fraser Park, Wallarah (near Pini Beach South of Swansea) and Stockton Beach.

They cannot even manage the land they have held for decades. I have seen the largest infestations of noxious weeds and feral animals (including huge pigs) in National Parks. I have seen infestations of noxious weeds in KNP the size of football fields and pigs the height (at the shoulder) of a standard large sedan window-sill.

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- Expansionist land-grabs when NPWS cannot even manage land that it has controlled for decades.

We need to bring NPWS back into the control of the people of NSW.
In order to do that it may be necessary to take measures as follow:

- A thorough, open and very public review of National Parks, its areas, its attitudes, its practices, its authority, its accountability, undue influences from outside the organisation, associated Acts and regulations and its funding.
- National Parks, as a new and separate organisation if necessary, be firmly and permanently placed into proper public control and scrutiny, free for all to use in a co-operative and sustainable way.