



FAR NORTH COAST  
BRANCH

49 Cathcart Street,  
LISMORE, 2480.

5 November, 1978.

The Hon. Neville Wran, M.L.A.,  
Premier of New South Wales,  
Parliament House,  
SYDNEY, 2000.

Dear Mr Wran,

I have been requested to write to you by Branch members, following our meeting of 26 October, concerning the content of certain advertisements which appeared in the local press during the last State election campaign on behalf of the A.L.P. candidate, Mr Day. It was the view of the meeting that these advertisements were deliberately misleading, and that they were designed to further confuse a poorly informed public.

The entry of a conservation candidate into the election was supported by this branch as a valid and democratic method of protest against certain government policies. This Branch has in the past supported, and will continue to support, the following objectives which were included in the platform announced by Dr den Exter:

- the dedication of a National Park over all of Wiangarie, Roseberry and Mt Lindesay State Forests, and the exclusion of logging from remaining pristine rainforests within this area (including the Grady's Creek Flora Reserve)
- a return to the planning guidelines for extensions and additions to Coastal National Parks announced by the Minister for Planning and Environment in December 1977, with the ultimate objective of establishing a comprehensive series of National Parks along the North Coast of N.S.W.
- the exclusion of sand mining operations from existing National Parks and from proposed additions and extensions to National Parks until such time as the tenure of these areas is decided.

This branch regards that it is a prime responsibility of governments to protect our National Heritage to the advantage of the total community, both present and future, and in doing so to also accept responsibility for any short term consequences that may arise from such action.

It does not accept the views expressed in the advertisements, and also in public statements by Mr Day (for example, in the Grafton Daily Examiner, 4/10/78) that any group or individual supporting these objectives want "hundreds of sackings" and "thousands of acres of farm and grazing land compulsorily acquired", and that they are "city extremists" or "irreponsible".

Consistent with the above views, I express on behalf of branch members extreme concern at such attempts to misrepresent the aims and motives of the mainstream of the conservation movement (excluding the non-representative Conservation Society of New South Wales). Your views on this matter will be of great interest to Branch members. Enclosed, for information, are copies of the material referred to.

Yours sincerely,

Rob Andrews,  
PRESIDENT.



257 High Street,  
LISMORE. 2480.

27 July, 1978.

The Executive Secretary,  
National Parks Association of N.S.W.,  
399 Pitt Street,  
SYDNEY. 2000.

Dear ~~Bater~~,

Thank you for your cheque for \$300.00 grant for our lecture series "Introduction to Field Botany" arranged by the University of New England.

I am pleased to report that the programme was an enormous success as sixty people attended resulting in a substantial surplus for the University. The University has indicated that it does not require us to make any contribution but it proposes to hold a further week-end school during August by way of follow up to the initial series. We are not sure how we should deal with the grant. We envisage conducting a further series of lectures through the University of New England and we would ask we retain the grant for the purpose of this forthcoming programme. Immediately we are aware from the University of the details of future lecturesseries I will advise you.

Incidentally I believe that you are considering having the next State Council Meeting in Lismore and we should be pleased to provide accommodation. Please let me know of your intentions as soon as possible.

With kind regards.

Yours truly,

257 High Street,  
LISMORE HEIGHTS. 2480.

8 June, 1978.

The Executive Secretary,  
National Parks Association of N.S.W.,  
399 Pitt Street,  
SYDNEY. 2000.

Dear Bäter,

Sometime ago we had correspondence concerning a grant of \$300.00 to enable us to have a series of adult lectures. We have now confirmed arrangements with the New England University, Department of Continuing Education for a series of lectures entitled "An Introduction to Field Botany" and the first lectures in the series will commence on 1 - 2 July in Lismore.

The school will be subject to an enrolment of 30 at \$17.00 per head and we would ask the Association to provide the subsidy to us for the series of lectures.

Mr. Bob Prater of the Department of Continuing Education with whom we have discussed this series will be attending the State Council meeting on Saturday and will give you any further details you may require.

Indidentally I have received the draft Contract between the Association and yourself which apparently will be considered at your meeting on Saturday and whilst I have not had the chance to look at the draft in detail I have some reservations on what I have seen. It appears to me that a number of clauses should be redrawn and I consider that you cannot contract out of your workers compensation, long service leave and holiday pay loading entitlements.

Irrespective of Clause 3 of the draft Contract you are clearly a servant of State Council subject to its direction and control and you cannot contract out of your employee entitlements. State Council should bear well in mind that individual members would render themselves personally liable should any claim be made by you in respect of such entitlements and taking into account the provisions of the Workers' Compensation Act a claim can be substantial.

With kind regards.

Yours truly,



The University of New England's North Coast Regional office of the Department of Continuing Education, in conjunction with the North Coast Regional Advisory Council, plans to conduct a one-day seminar which will be a forum for the debate of what has emerged as an extremely controversial issue on the North Coast.

#### THE PROBLEM

Late last year the Planning & Environment Commission issued a direction which placed restrictions on development of six areas under investigation for the possible acquisition as National Parks. This action precipitated an immediate storm of protest from a wide range of sources - Councils, private landowners (both farmers and those with development sites), the timber industry, sand mining groups, P.P.Boards and County Councils .... this culminated in a series of well attended public meetings which demonstrated the intensity of the feelings of those present.

Many of the claims made by such bodies have remained unanswered by the relevant authorities. Whilst at the same time the community has not had an opportunity to evaluate these claims on the basis of factual information.

It is essential that the community has some overall appreciation of the issues involved in order that it can form its own opinions based on the true facts.

#### AIM OF THE SEMINAR

To collate and present all relevant information and viewpoints about the current proposals and their implication for future landuse on the North Coast in an effort to promote informed public participation in the decision making process.

#### SCOPE

Whilst the issue has its origin in the proposals to establish coastal National Parks the debate has widened to encompass the question of National Parks throughout the region. It is therefore envisaged that such a broad-ranging consideration will be unavoidable (in fact, appropriate to the proposed consideration as a regional landuse issue in the terms of the Land Conservation Study Group).

#### QUESTIONS TO BE EXAMINED

##### a. Broad Issues

- (i) National Parks in the context of regional landuse planning.
- (ii) Planning and acquisition procedures.
- (iii) Employment, social benefit, tourism and land conservation.

##### b. Specific issues

- (i) Boundaries
- (ii) Management

#### TIMING & VENUE

Current maps are at present on display until May 31. It would be useful to conduct the seminar before this date. However, it is anticipated that representations to have the date for submission extended may provide for more time in planning the seminar. Further consideration may indicate a longer period of time being required to prepare for the seminar.

Since the issue is of a Regional nature it would be appropriate to conduct the seminar at a central point, making Coffs Harbour a logical choice. This would also prevent the broader issues being dominated by local comment if the venue were close by one of the proposed parks.

#### FOLLOW-UP

It is proposed to give the content of the seminar extensive coverage through the media - in particular a series of radio programmes is envisaged. If considered appropriate a book of proceedings will be published.

#### ATTENDANCE

The public will be most welcome at the seminar and all parties with an interest in the issue will be actively encouraged to attend and put forward their point of view. Every effort will be made to ensure that the relevant  
(see over)



Government Departments are represented by personnel with necessary knowledge able to make policy statements.

FORMAT

Brief position papers on the various viewpoints relating to each issue followed by sufficient time for questions and statements from the floor.

The day being divided roughly between broad issues in the morning and specific items on current proposals in the afternoon.

BUDGET

1) SEMINAR - anticipated attendance	200	
Publicity - brochure, postage		400
Hall hire, catering (morning & afternoon teas)		200
Costs for speakers unable to claim expenses		500
Administrative costs - including preparation of materials	250	
		<u>1350</u>
2) FOLLOW-UP		
Proceedings        300 @ \$4		1200
(recoverable through sales)		
Radio programmes		<u>400</u>
		2950

A seminar such as this should not cost participants more than their time and their travel, since the benefits are reaped by the whole community. It is therefore proposed to seek funds to cover all items outlined above.

Bob Prater  
UNE Continuing Education  
343 High Street  
P.O. Box 200  
Coffs Harbour Jetty    2451  
Phone 52-3588  
3/5/78



FAR NORTH COAST BRANCH

16 March 1978

BORDER RANGES

Members are no doubt aware that State Cabinet has commissioned the State Pollution Control Commission to hold an enquiry and report on the future use of the Border Ranges. The Commission will hold a public hearing in Kyogle on 21 March and invites written submissions from members of the public. These written submissions must reach the Commission by 31 March.

The creation of a National Park in the Border Ranges has been the major objective of this Branch since its formation and all Members are strenuously urged to write to the Commission.

An Inter Parliamentary Committee set up to report on the controversy came to the conclusion that there were seven options open to the Government from the dedication of the whole area including Wiangarie, Roseberry and Mt Lindsay State Forests as a National Park to unrestricted logging. The National Parks and Wildlife Service has come forward to support strenuously the first option. In making our individual submissions we could have regard to the following:

1. Wiangarie, Roseberry and Mt Lindsay State Forests as well as vacant Crown land below the eastern escarpment of Wiangarie Plateau be dedicated as a national park.
2. Timber operations should cease immediately.
3. The forests provide the only chance of preserving in one place the last remaining samples of the four remaining major rainforest subforms- subtropical, warm temperate, cool temperate and dry.
4. A number of habitat areas well developed in the area are not well represented in existing National Parks.
5. The fauna and avifauna is extremely rich and varied.
6. The scenery and topographical formations are outstanding.
7. Levers Plateau eagerly sought by sawmillers is the largest area of virgin subtropical rainforest in N.S.W.
8. Logging irretrievably destroys the rainforest ecology. Forestry Commission practices are destructive and admit the invasion of forests of exotic weeds such as crofton weed and lantana. There is no guarantee that even existing forestry practices would not be modified to clear felling under economic or other pressure.
9. Subtropical rainforest is the most complex plant community found in N.S.W. and little of the vast original forests remains.
10. The economic viability of the forests is severely limited - two years Wiangarie, one year Levers Plateau nine years Roseberry and Mt Lindsay.

Please make your submission and urge your friends and supporters to do likewise immediately. Address submissions to:

The Secretary,  
State Pollution Control Commission.  
P.O. Box 4036 G.P.O.  
SYDNEY 2000

EASTER CAMP

We have been invited to join the Queensland Naturalists Club and Richmond Valley Naturalists Club at a base camp in Mebbin State Forest adjoining the Wiangarie Escarpment. The camp site is a Forestry Reserve reached down Byrill Creek Road which intersects with the Nimbin- Uki Road just south of Uki. Map Brays Creek 1:25000.

LECTURE SERIES

Following a grant from N.P.A. we are arranging with the University of New England for a series of lectures and field excursions on Elementary Botany and Plant Identification by Prof. Williams of U.N.E. I hope to have a detailed programme shortly.

NEXT MEETING

Lismore Primary School Pound Street Lismore Thursday 30 March at 8 p.m.

Geoff Morton  
Hon. Secretary



257 High Street,  
LISMORE. 2480.

21 November, 1977.

The Executive Secretary,  
National Parks Association of N.S.W.,  
399 Pitt Street,  
SYDNEY. N.S.W. 2000.

Dear Peter,

We are interested in your letter of 2 September referring to the grant of \$1,500.00 from the N.S.W. Board of Adult Education.

We have written to the Northern Rivers College of Advanced Education inquiring of the availability of a course of interest to our members but we have not had a reply and we may well be obliged to organize our own course. Assuming we can manage this would you kindly advise whether funds can be set aside for a course initiated by us and if so what funds would be available.

Yours faithfully,

G.S. MORTON



257 High Street,  
LISMORE HEIGHTS. 2480.

27 October, 1977.

Mr. M. Ryan,  
Community Learning Unit,  
Northern Rivers College of  
Advanced Education,  
Keen Street,  
LISMORE. N.S.W. 2480.

Dear Mr. Ryan,

Whilst the University of New England extension office was located in Lismore frequent courses were set up particularly week-end sessions on natural history subjects embracing such things as ornithology, geology, botany and forestry and it has been a matter of some regret that such courses have not been held by the Community Learning Unit.

Apart from the National Parks Association there are a number of organizations in Lismore such as the Richmond Valley Naturalists Club, the Gem Club and the Society for growing Australian Plants whose members would obviously be interested in natural history courses. Furthermore the National Parks Association of N.S.W. of which we are but one branch have received a grant from the N.S.W. Board of Adult Education to assist in meeting the costs of the Association incurred in operating education programmes.

It occurs to us that should the College organize a course of interest to us an application for funds from the grant to assist in the costs of the course could be made by us and would no doubt be forthcoming.

We should be pleased if you would consider a course or courses through the Community Learning Unit and if you are able to assist we should be pleased to discuss the matter in further detail with you.

Yours sincerely,

G.S. MORTON  
HON. SECRETARY.

257 HIGH STREET,  
LISMORE HEIGHTS. 2480

31st March, 1977

The Secretary,  
Colong Committee Ltd.,  
18 Argyle Street,  
SYDNEY. 2000

Dear Mr. Maslen,

Our recent Branch meetings have discussed the Border Ranges situation and we are concerned that we as a local group have no idea of the initiatives being taken.

Approximately one month ago a meeting was called by the Parents & Citizens Association of Grevillia and attended by approximately 200 people including Parliamentary representatives. It was announced at the meeting that Colong Committee had been advised but no one was there to represent your Committee and this was the subject of adverse comment.

One of our members, Mrs. Heather Bolton read about the meeting a few days before and unfortunately she was a lone voice at the meeting. Our members would be prepared to represent the Committee at meetings such as this and we would ask that you inform us of what is going on so that we might be of assistance to our common cause.

Yours faithfully,

G.S. MORTON  
HON. SECRETARY



257 High Street,  
LISMORE HEIGHTS. 2480

31st March, 1977.

The Executive Secretary,  
National Parks Association of N.S.W.  
263B Broadway,  
BROADWAY. 2007

Dear Peter,

We appreciated receiving the suggested policy statement on off road vehicles but regret that the statement does not go far enough. In our area we constantly see the effects of off road vehicles on beaches, heath land and in forests and we would recommend that the policy statement unequivocally seek the banning of all such vehicles from all Crown land, forests and reserves.

You might let us ~~know~~ of any further developments concerning the Association's policy.

With kind regards.

Yours faithfully,

G.S. MORTON  
HON. SECRETARY

257 High Street,

LISMORE HEIGHTS. 2480

31st March, 1977

Miss J.E. Diewok,  
Director,  
North Coast Environment Centre,  
P.O. Box 4,  
LAURIETON. 2443

Dear Miss Diewok,

We are pleased to receive your circulars  
and appreciate the work you are doing.

I enclose cheque for \$5.00 subscription from  
our Branch.

Yours faithfully,

G.S. MORTON  
HON. SECRETARY

ENCL.



257 High Street,  
LISMORE HEIGHTS. 2480

30th March, 1977

E. Fensom, Esq.,  
258 Archer Street,  
ROCKHAMPTON. 4700

Dear Sir,

We thank you for your application  
for membership and enclose receipt for your fees.

We have arranged for copies of the  
journal to be sent to you and you might advise if you  
have any problems in this connection.

Yours faithfully,

G. S. MORTON  
HON. SECRETARY

257 High Street,  
LISMORE HEIGHTS. 2480

30th March, 1977

Dr. Norman Mackay,  
C/- Northern Rivers College of Advanced  
Education,  
P.O. Box 157,  
LISMORE. 2480

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for membership and enclose receipt for your fees.

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G.S. MORTON  
HON. SECRETARY

ECL.



257 High Street,

LISMORE HEIGHTS. 2480

30th March, 1977

Mrs. M.E. Kay,  
P.O. Box 125,  
TWEED HEADS. 2485

Dear Madam,

We thank you for your application  
for membership and enclose receipt for your fees.

We have arranged for copies of  
the journal to be sent to you and you might advise if you  
have any problems in this connection.

Yours faithfully,

G.S. MORTON  
HON. SECRETARY

ENCL.

257 High Street,  
LISMORE HEIGHTS. 2480

30th March, 1977

A. Stuckey, Esq.,  
Banksia Crescent,  
LISMORE HEIGHTS. 2480

Dear Sir,

We thank you for your application  
for membership and enclose receipt for your fees.

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the journal to be sent to you and you might advise if you  
have any problems in this connection.

Yours faithfully,

G.S. MORTON  
HON. SECRETARY

ENCL.



257 High Street,  
LISMORE HEIGHTS. 2480

30th March, 1977

Mrs. Enid Griffin,  
7 The Strand,  
GLADESVILLE. 2111

Dear Enid,

We have acquired the following new  
members:

- Mr. A. Stuckey, Banksia Crescent, Lismore Heights. 2480.
- Mrs. Joan Stevenson, Bellevue Avenue, East Ballina. 2478.
- Mrs. M.E. Kay, P.O. Box 125, Tweed Heads. 2485 (family membersh:
- Dr. Norman Mackay, C/- Northern Rivers College of Advanced  
Education, P.O. Box 157, Lismore. 2480.
- Mr. E. Fensom, 258 Archer Street, Rockhampton. 4700.

I should be pleased if you could arrange<sup>7</sup>  
for the current issue of the journal to be sent to each of the  
foregoing members.

Yours faithfully,

G.S. MORTON  
HON. SECRETARY

257 High Street,  
LISMORE HEIGHTS. 2480

30th March, 1977.

Mrs. Joan Stevenson,  
Bellevue Avenue,  
EAST BALLINA. 2478

Dear Madam,

We thank you for your application  
for membership and enclose receipt for your fees.

We have arranged for copies of  
the journal to be sent to you and you might advise if you  
have any problems in this connection.

Yours faithfully,

G.S. MORTON  
HON. SECRETARY

ENCL.



257 High Street,  
LISMORE HEIGHTS. 2480

22nd December, 1976

Mark Kala, Esq.,  
Thorburn Street,  
NIMBIN. 2484

Dear Mark,

I enclose cheque for \$2.00  
being reimbursement to you of your fees overpaid.

I regret not sending the  
cheque to you earlier but we have had a change in  
Treasurers and I could not send you the cheque until  
our Bank records had been completed.

Yours faithfully,

G.S. MORTON

ENCL.

257 High Street,  
LISMORE HEIGHTS. 2480

22nd December 1976.

Mr. & Mrs. Gregory James,  
C/- Post Office,  
POTTSVILLE BEACH. 2484

Dear Mr. & Mrs. James,

I enclose cheque for \$3.00  
being reimbursement to you of your fees overpaid.

I regret not sending the  
cheque to you earlier but we have had a change in  
Treasurers and I could not send you the cheque until  
our Bank records had been completed.

Yours faithfully,

G.S. MORTON

ENCL.



257 High Street,  
LISMORE HEIGHTS. 2480

22nd December, 1976

Mr. & Mrs. D. Steele,  
C/- Post Office,  
NEWRYBAR. 2480

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Steele,

I enclose cheque for \$3.00  
being reimbursement to you of your fees overpaid.

I regret not sending the  
cheque to you earlier but we have had a change in  
Treasurers and I could not send you the cheque until  
our Bank records had been completed.

Yours faithfully,

G.S. MORTON

ENCL.

257 High Street,  
LISMORE HEIGHTS. 2480

1st December, 1976.

Colin Watson, Esq.,  
Hon. Treasurer,  
National Parks Association of  
New South Wales,  
263B The Broadway,  
BROADWAY. 2007

Dear Mr. Watson,

Your letter of the 9th November was  
discussed at our last Branch Meeting.

We carefully considered your letter for  
we had previously been opposed to the centralisation of  
financial records in Sydney and Peter Prineas will recall that  
I telephoned him in this connection a short time ago. However,  
we now believe bearing in mind all the matters raised by  
you that the centralisation of financial arrangements as  
suggested by you is the most appropriate method of dealing  
with the Association finances and I should be pleased if you  
would convey our views to the next meeting of the State  
Council to be held on Saturday.

Would you also apologise for the non-  
attendance of any of our members at the Meeting.

With kind regards,

Yours faithfully,

GEOFF MORTON  
HON. SECRETARY



257 High Street,  
LISMORE HEIGHTS. 2480

27th October, 1976.

Messrs. E.D. Armstrong & Partners,  
Accountants,  
Warina Walk,  
LISMORE. 2480

Dear Sirs,

I have been directed by the members  
of this Branch to convey to you our appreciation for again  
auditing the books of our Branch for 1976.

We sincerely appreciate your assistance  
in this connection.

Yours faithfully,

G. S. MORTON  
HON. SECRETARY

257 High Street,  
LISMORE HEIGHTS. 2480

27th October, 1976.

Mrs. Enid Griffin,  
7 The Strand,  
GLADESVILLE. 2111

Dear Enid,

Would you kindly let me have a  
supply of Invitation to Join leaflets.

With kind regards,

Yours faithfully,

G. S. MORTON  
HON SECRETARY



257 High Street,  
LISMORE HEIGHTS. 2480

27th October, 1976.

The Secretary,  
National Parks Association of  
N.S.W.  
263B The Broadway,  
BROADWAY. 2007

Dear Peter,

Would you kindly let me have  
a copy of the Constitution,

Yours faithfully,

G. S. MORTON  
HON SECRETARY

257 High Street,  
LISMORE HEIGHTS. 2480

27th October, 1976.

Neil Holland, Esq.,  
Eastock,  
Bangalow Road,  
BYRON BAY. 2481

Dear Sir,

I enclose cheque for \$2.00  
being overpayment of your fees.

Yours faithfully,

G.S. MORTON  
HON. SECRETARY

ENCL.

257 High Street,  
LISMORE HEIGHTS. 2480

27th October, 1976.

Mr. & Mrs. F. Wigham,  
P.O. Box 1026,  
COFFS HARBOUR. 2450

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Wigham,

Thank you for your application  
for membership.

Our fees amount to \$9.00 per  
family and accordingly I enclose cheque for \$15.00 by way  
of reimbursement to you.

I trust that by now you are  
receiving copies of the journal and if you are having any  
problems in this connection would you kindly advise me.

Yours faithfully,

G. S. MORTON  
HON SECRETARY

ENCL.



257 High Street,  
LISMORE HEIGHTS. 2480

27th October, 1976.

J. G. Brown, Esq.,  
3 Morrison Avenue,  
MULLUMBIMBY. 2482

Dear Mr. Brown,

Thank you for your application  
for membership.

Our fees amount to \$9.00 per  
family and accordingly I enclose cheque for \$2.00 by  
way of reimbursement to you.

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Yours faithfully,

G. S. MORTON  
HON. SECRETARY

ENCL.

257 High Street,

LISMORE HEIGHTS. 2480

8th October, 1976.

Colin Watson, Esq.,  
40 Alexandria Avenue,  
EASTWOOD. 2122

Dear Mr. Watson,

I enclose Auditor's Financial Statement  
for the year ended 30th June, 1976.

Yours faithfully,

GEOFF MORTON  
SECRETARY

ENCL.

257 High St.,  
LISMORE 2480

24th September 1976

The Ranger,  
New England National Park,  
EBOR 2350

Dear Sir,

A party from this Branch will be visiting the Park for  
the Eight hour Day weekend.

We will be camping at the Styx River adjacent to the Park  
and we will call upon you on our arrival.

Yours faithfully,

G.S.Morton  
SECRETARY