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National Parks Association of NSW

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Mr. R. Andrews  
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Dear Mr. Andrews,

Your letter of resignation dated 10.6.1988 has been received and noted.

You claim that the "NPA openly sided with the Unsworth Government. I believe this was unsuitable and unworthy of an organization such as ours."

The State Council of the Association did not endorse any Party or candidates in the NSW State election. If you have material which purports to represent NPA's views on this I would very much appreciate receiving a copy from you.

Yours sincerely,

Grahame Wells  
Director.

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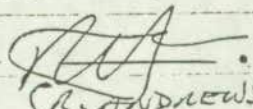
32 Elton ST.,

LISMORE, 2480

10:6:88

Dear NPA,

I have decided not to renew our  
Subscription, after over 10 years member of FNC Branch.  
In the recent NSW State Election the NPA openly  
sided with the Unsworth Government. I believe this  
was unsuitable and unworthy of an organization  
such as ours. I also own a 4WD vehicle and  
several licenced firearms. I of course support fully  
any criticism of abuses of the environment, but  
feel the hysteria generated by some NPA members  
over these issues is 'beyond the pale'.

Yours sincerely,   
(R. ANDREWS)

State Council  
did NOT  
support  
any Party.



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May 31, 1988.

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MEMO: ALL BRANCHES  
ALL STATE COUNCIL COMMITTEES

FROM: JODIE JAYE, MEMBERSHIP SERVICES OFFICER.

SUBJECT: VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

The following are some of the responses we've received to requests for volunteers:

"no skills" "not too sure - but willing to help" "would like to help but no immediate skills other than love of bush" "time and labour" "nothing specific" "anything of use" "willingness".

It is clear that members are prepared to become involved - even committed - but they don't know how. They have only minimal knowledge of what needs to be done and what could be done.

What can members do towards helping NPA achieve its aims? We need to keep in mind that some members have joined for this reason (as against what they can get out of NPA membership, e.g. walks). We must outline what needs to be done and inform them. We must encourage member involvement at all levels, from the initial phone call enquiry to committee work and so on. People like to feel needed. It has generally been found that members of NPA love being asked to help.

Basic Office Work:

A number of volunteers have expressed a desire for simple tasks, e.g. "please don't ask me to do anything too difficult".

- \* Mail-outs - sticking labels on envelopes  
- enveloping letters  
- stamping return address on back of envelopes
- \* Collating - stapling application forms inside membership leaflets
- \* New Member Packets - New members will not be on our mailing list yet, so they are sent a current issue of the Journal and Walks Program along with other necessary information such as organisation of walks activities and NPA Constitution. Therefore we must collate this literature bi-monthly. We issue approx. 100 new member packets bi-monthly - (This number is steadily increasing!)
- \* Making Note Pads - NPA produces an abundance of waste paper which can be recycled into note pads for office use.  
This involves - collating  
- stapling  
- 'guillotining'

- \* Other very basic office duties could include:
  - stamping - in receipt books and on bankcard forms
  - ruling up pages in books, e.g. mail out book.

### More Advanced Skills

Offers/Suggestions from members so far regarding skills they already have:  
 (NB: These offers have not come from any one branch; they have come to the State Council office from members in a range of localities.)

- \* typing - members with own typewriters
- \* members with own word processor and printer or computer
- \* members with knowledge of above
- \* systems analysis
- \* accounting
- \* editorial skills
- \* teaching office skills
- \* organisational skills
- \* administrative skills
- \* direct marketing
- \* telephone sales
- \* public relations
- \* writing skills
- \* survey skills
- \* giving talks
- \* town planning
- \* drafting
- \* design and layout
- \* landscape architect - also studying horticulture
- \* landscape architect - completed thesis on Urban Bushland Management
- \* engineer - practical skills
- \* mechanical engineer
- \* electronics technician
- \* industrial chemist - chemical analysis: AAS, HPLC, Wet
- \* legal experience
- \* writing letters to ministers, etc.
- \* information research
- \* research management
- \* conservation ideas/suggestions
- \* policy planning/assistance
- \* submissions
- \* government relations
- \* map and photo evaluation
- \* artistic skills
- \* graphic design
- \* drawing
- \* photographic skills
- \* school teacher
- \* school teacher - art - enjoys organising children's activities and working with children
- \* teacher of office skills.

### Tertiary Experience

- \* some biological knowledge
- \* degree in biology and education
- \* degree and work experience in biology
- \* studying resource management for diploma of applied science



Tertiary Experience (contd.)

- \* studying environmental science
- \* degree in applied physical geography with emphasis on environmental issues, conservation, land management.

Field Work:

- \* State Council office sometimes receives enquiries from people wishing to lead walks. The staff send an application form and inform that person who should be contacted in regard to organising walks according to what branch they wish to belong to.
- \* transport to/from walks - member with station wagon and Class 3 licence
- \* member completed two "Outward Bound" courses
- \* first aid education - (doctor)
- \* 'botanising'
- \* bush regeneration experience
- \* organising activities for children
- \* simple field work
- \* plant identification
- \* experience organising walks in Blue Mountains area
- \* help marking tracks
- \* day walks
- \* knowledge of wetlands and water plants

CAN YOU THINK OF ANY WAYS IN WHICH THE SKILLS MENTIONED CAN BE UTILISED?

The following are some of our ideas:

- \* Typists - whether they are using typewriters or word processors - can be very helpful. They can type articles for the Journal, Walks Program, or branch newsletters; material for educating the public or for promotional purposes; submissions and proposals; minutes and agenda for branch meetings, committee meetings; letters, etc.
- \* Members with experience in sales, marketing and public relations may be helpful with promotion of NPA and may have knowledge of fund-raising techniques, ideas on approaching people, etc.
- \* Some members may enjoy proof-reading articles, newsletters, etc.
- \* Giving talks - guest speakers for service clubs, e.g. Rotary, Lions, etc.; school groups, field studies centres, etc.; perhaps to speak at meetings of similar groups also, e.g. National Trust, Historical Society, etc.
- \* Preparation of a Promotional Cassette - cassettes of different lengths for different purposes, e.g. 5 min., 10 min., or 3 min. for advertising. These can be sent to community radio stations or stations that run on sponsorship rather than charging exorbitant advertising rates. Some universities and CAEs have their own radio stations, e.g. communications students at Mitchell SAE at Bathurst operate a radio station (Central West Branch). Perhaps Armidale Branch could look into the situation University of New England.
- \* Members with artistic backgrounds may enjoy designing and drawing posters and display items, promotional literature - e.g. several branches have their own logo, cards (same idea as Dailan Pugh's), other ideas they may have.
- \* School Projects - NPA is receiving many enquiries from school students interested in conservation and needing information for assignments. These can range from primary school to tertiary students. There is potential to develop project packages along the same lines as

the NPWS information kits for teachers and students. Research is needed for this - people with one day or a half day free at a time (this is a long-term project - 3-6 months). Members who are teachers could be helpful. We could use photocopies of relevant articles from past journals, etc.

- \* First Aid and Bushcraft Education - Walks leaders and members who are medically trained could perhaps run a series of lectures on emergency first aid, how bushwalkers should properly care for environment while out walking, etc. Perhaps they could be open to the public and a fee charged or perhaps they could take the form of an introductory night for new members.
- \* Many members join as family groups. Kids may enjoy fund-raising volunteer activities such as collecting and cashing in aluminium cans, and saving stamps.
- \* Developing a Mail Order system for sales of books - this is another long term project.

#### ACTION REQUESTED

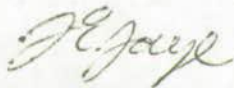
Field Activities Contact Person from each branch could let State Council office know in what way they could use volunteers. Although branches organise their own activities State Council office receives a number of enquiries from members or potential members of other branches.

The State Council committees, e.g. Park Management, Reserves, Wildlife, could inform State Council office how volunteers can be involved in committee work. They could provide a summary of what each committee does - aims and achievements, etc. - for inclusion in the new member packets.

Branches could provide the State Council office with ways in which they use and could use volunteers.

Please consider these ideas and I'm sure your members will have ideas of their own on what they would like to do for their branch.

I look forward to your reply at your convenience to me on (02) 267 2873 or P.O. Box A96, Sydney South, 2000.



Jodie Jaye  
Membership Services Officer.



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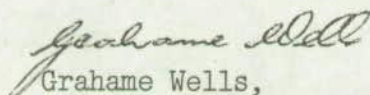
MEMO: All Branches

SUBJECT: Closing Date for National Estate Grants 1988/89.

Applications close on 30 June 1988 for 1988/89.

I enclose a copy of the letter from the Department of Environment and Planning outlining the procedures and the selection criteria.

In addition Branches should consult with State Council or the State Council Executive before submitting any application.

  
Grahame Wells,  
Director.

Encl.



# Department of Planning

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Contact:

Our reference:

Your reference:

Dear Sir/Madam,

12 MAY 1988

Calling Applications:

National Estate Grants Program 1988/89

Applications are invited for heritage work and study projects which may be selected to form the basis of the New South Wales component of the National Estate Grants Program for 1988/89.

2. Funds are made available for this program by the Commonwealth Government to the State Government, which in turn is responsible for the program's administration. The funds are then allocated for approved projects to State Government departments and authorities, local government authorities, academic institutions, professional and community organisations.

3. Explanatory notes about the National Estate Grants Program as prepared by the Commonwealth Department of Arts, Sport, The Environment, Tourism and Territories, are enclosed for your information. Your attention is drawn in particular to the conditions under which an application may be submitted.

4. Each application received will be considered on its merits, and in accordance with the competing priority of other applications for the funds appropriated by the Commonwealth for the program in the 1988/89 budget. It is important to note that funds are usually limited, for example, in 1987/88 grants totalling \$517,000 were made available for distribution between the various recipient organisations for works and studies relating to the built and natural environment and for Aboriginal projects.

MATTERS TO NOTE IN RESPECT TO WORK PROJECTS

5. If your organisation is making an application for a grant to carry out conservation work on an item where it is not the owner, a copy of the owner's written consent to the proposal must be attached to the application.



Please also note restoration projects require that the item be either on or nominated for the Register of the National Estate. Applications not meeting these requirements will not be accepted. Nomination forms for the Register of the National Estate, are available from the Australian Heritage Commission, P.O. Box 1567, Canberra City, A.C.T., 2601. Completed nomination forms must be sent to the Australian Heritage Commission in Canberra and a copy attached to the application.

#### APPLICATIONS

6. All applications are to be made on the form attached and forwarded to the Secretary, National Estate Committee, C/o Heritage Council of New South Wales, P.O. Box A284, Sydney South 2000, by 30 June 1988 and clearly marked "National Estate Grant Application 1988/89" on the envelope.

7. It is most important that the application forms are complete and all necessary attachments supplied as there may not be a further opportunity for the Department to receive additional material.

#### OTHER AVENUES OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR HERITAGE PROJECTS

Applications submitted under the National Estate Grants Program will also be considered for financial assistance under the New South Wales Heritage Conservation Fund which is administered through the Heritage Council, should the application meet the necessary guidelines to receive assistance in terms of that Fund.

#### ENQUIRIES

If you have any enquiries please contact either Mr. E. Smith on telephone (02) 266-7138 or Mr. D. McManus on (02) 266-7278.

#### ADVICE ON THE OUTCOME OF APPLICATIONS

It is expected that advice on the outcome of all applications will be conveyed towards the end of 1988 and that funds will not become available until late 1988 or early 1989.

Yours faithfully,

*S Haddad*

S. Haddad  
Head  
Environment Protection Division



NATIONAL ESTATE GRANTS PROGRAMExplanatory Notes**Introduction:**

The many elements making up the "National Estate" are not solely the concern of one level of government or one group of people. The Commonwealth Government is active as a partner in protecting Australia's heritage.

The National Estate Grants Program is designed to help the States and Territories, and organisations within them, to conserve our national estate.

The Australian Heritage Commission Act 1975 defines the national estate as :-

those places, being components of the natural environment of Australia or the cultural environment of Australia that have aesthetic, historic, scientific or social significance or other special value for future generations as well as for the present community.

Therefore Australia's heritage includes far more than historical buildings. It covers the natural and cultural environments in all their aspects.

Natural environment places range from national parks, nature reserves, habitats of endangered species, islands, wetlands, deserts and wilderness areas to outstanding geological features and landscapes. The cultural environment is equally diverse. Aboriginal sites of all types are included from cave paintings to fish-traps and carved trees. Historic cultural places include old residential and commercial buildings, mining and industrial structures and their equipment, transport structures, shipwrecks, parks and gardens.

It is the balance between these elements that goes to make up the heritage we should pass on to future generations.

**The Program**

The National Estate Grants Program is a Commonwealth Constitution 'Section 96' scheme operated under the provisions of the Urban and Regional Development (Financial Assistance) Act 1974 and of agreements between the Commonwealth and each State and the Northern Territory.

The program is co-ordinated by the Department of Arts, Sport, the Environment, Tourism and Territories (DASETT) in liaison with State and Territory authorities and the Australian Heritage Commission.

Under current arrangements, State/Territory governments have the primary responsibility for developing and administering their respective programs.



State/Territory authorities consider applications at the beginning of each financial year. The proposed programs are developed in consultation with the Australian Heritage Commission and the DASETT and are then considered by the relevant State/Territory Heritage Committees, where these exist. The recommended programs are then forwarded to the relevant State/Territory Ministers for sending to the Commonwealth Minister for approval.

The project work is carried out by the State/Territory government departments and authorities, local government bodies, academic institutions, National Trusts, professional and community organisations, as well as by individual consultant firms.

Since the 1977-78 program, funds announced have been spread over three year periods to enable the planning of longer term projects.

### Projects Eligible for Grants

1. Projects to assist the conservation of places in, or nominated for, the Register of the National Estate
  - ° 'conservation' is the general term for the process of looking after a place so as to retain its significant qualities. In the built environment it will, according to circumstances, include preservation or restoration as well as maintenance and protection. It may include the minimum practicable reconstruction or adaptation
  - ° 'places' means any part of the cultural and natural environment having a fixed location, including natural areas; architectural and industrial sites and structures; Aboriginal and other non-European sites; archaeological sites; cultural landscapes and townscape; geological sites; historic gardens.
2. Projects which help to identify, document and present the natural and/or cultural components of the national estate.
3. Projects which help improve professional or trade skills or methodology in conservation, improvement and presentation of the national estate.
4. Projects to acquire small, critical and fragile areas of land. However, it should be noted that from experience most land acquisition proposals are beyond the capacity of overall program appropriations.
5. Projects which help co-ordinate the use of resources in the conservation of the national estate, e.g., State historic conservation plans and conferences.

Conservation or research work on moveable objects or museum items (e.g. organs or furniture) are not eligible under the program unless they are an integral part of the cultural significance of a place or building.



## Criteria for Project Selection

1. Preference to :
  - (a) urgent projects to avert a threat to a place of significance
  - (b) continuation or completion of work satisfactorily carried out in a previous year of the program
  - (c) projects where, other considerations being equal, applicants have arranged assistance from other sources to supplement funds sought under the national estate program.
2. A reasonable proportion of grants, with balanced geographical distribution, to be between built, natural and Aboriginal cultural components and a balance of funds between State authorities, local government and community organisation.
3. Consultants for proposed studies to be selected and identified by the time grants are recommended to the Commonwealth by State/Territory administering bodies.
4. Physical conservation projects in the cultural environment to include sufficient preliminary research and survey work to demonstrate desirability and feasibility, and also availability of skilled supervision acceptable to State/Territory administering bodies.

## Eligible Grant Recipients

- ° State/Territory government departments and authorities
- ° local government bodies
- ° National Trusts
- ° academic institutions
- ° professional and community organisations, including voluntary conservation bodies.

All non-government bodies applying for project approvals must be incorporated or arrange for grant funds to be supervised by a qualified organisation.

## Application Procedures

1. All applications must be made on the appropriate form and sent directly to the relevant State/Territory administering body.
2. Grants are normally made only to a body in the State/Territory where the project is to be carried out. Thus if an organisation based in one State/Territory wishes to apply for a project in another, the application should be made through the administering body in the State/Territory where it is proposed the project be carried out.



3. Timing - applications are normally considered soon after the commencement of each financial year. State/Territory administering bodies should be contacted for details of closing dates.
4. Costing :
  - ° no capital purchase, such as a vehicle or equipment, may be made from a program grant but all other costs may be included
  - ° salaries should be costed at the standard rates of the organisation applying for the grant.

#### Grant Requirements

1. Physical work projects :
  - ° work must be carried out in a manner consistent with the principles outlined in the Australia ICOMOS Charter of the Conservation of Places of Cultural Significance 1981 ('Burra Charter'). Copies are available from the ASETT, the Australian Heritage Commission and State/Territory administering bodies
  - ° periodic progress reports as required by the State/Territory administering body
  - ° final report including 'before' and 'after' documentation, with plans and photographs, as appropriate. An extra copy should be provided for lodgement with the relevant State/Territory archives.
2. Study/research projects :
  - ° projects resulting in study reports and/or published materials require the supply of three copies for the Commonwealth via the State/Territory administering body. This is in addition to any copies required for State/Territory government use and for lodgement with archives.
  - ° grant recipients should acknowledge in any documents produced that funding was provided under the Commonwealth National Estate Grants Program for the relevant financial year.
  - ° for projects wholly or significantly funded by the Commonwealth, grants are conditional on the acknowledgement that copyright is assigned to the Crown in Right of the Commonwealth of Australia. This includes all material in reports or studies and covers photographs, cassette tapes for audio-visual displays and the like. For projects substantially assisted by funds from non-Commonwealth sources, the Commonwealth reserves the right to use, in any way it deems fit, material produced as a result of the project.

- ° grant recipients should furnish to the Australian Heritage Commission completed nomination forms for the Register of the National Estate for those places within their study areas identified as being of possible national estate significance
  - ° permission for any subsequent publication of material should be sought from the relevant State/Territory administering authority. As a general principle the Commonwealth encourages publication and as wide dissemination of material as possible in order to further public information and awareness of the objectives of the program.
3. Any application for a grant that may involve significant direct funding to a tertiary education institution will be referred to the Tertiary Education Commission for its agreement.

#### **Program Administration**

Co-ordination at the Commonwealth level is the responsibility of the Department of Arts, Sports the Environment, Tourism and Territories :

G.P.O. Box 1252,  
Canberra, A.C.T., 2601.

Telephone: (062) 46 7211.

Professional and technical advice is provided by the Australian Heritage Commission :

G.P.O. Box 1567,  
Canberra, A.C.T. 2601.

Telephone: (062) 723 966.

#### **State/Administering Body**

Heritage and Conservation Branch,  
Department of Planning,  
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May 17, 1988.

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MEMO: ALL BRANCHES  
FROM: HON. SECRETARY.

The Executive has asked me to circulate the attached paper by Brian Everingham of the NPA Southern Sydney Branch, which was tabled at the Executive's meeting on April 9th, 1988.

The paper is forwarded for your consideration, comment and action as your branch sees fit. Since the paper was written the Minister for Environment, Tim Moore, has had meetings with the peak conservation groups and with the NPA Executive. It appears that he will not be making any sudden changes in park management policy, but that his position in Cabinet is much weaker than that of his predecessor.

Tim Moore has accepted an invitation to speak at our next State Council meeting on Saturday, 4th June. A good roll-up would be appreciated. This will be the first Council meeting hosted by the Macarthur Branch.

Regards,

*per.*

Tom Fink  
Hon. Secretary.

Encl.

## THE NEW GOVERNMENT - HOW SHOULD WE RESPOND?

### 1. The Issue

On 20th March 1988, the Unsworth Labor Government was decisively defeated. Liberal, National and Independent candidates have swept Labor aside in even traditional Labor strongholds. In our own region the vast majority of MPs are now Liberal. How are we, the Southern Branch of the NPA, to respond to this new political landscape?

### 2. Our Purpose

We are a non-aligned pressure group dedicated to the creation of an adequate National Park system in NSW and the proper management of those National Parks. These are our aims and we must not forget them. They are not to be compromised.

### 3. Our Action

#### (a) In the Community:

Within 24 hours of the election certain sections of the media had suggested that the ALP had sacrificed "traditional Labor" support for the "Greenie" vote and that the sacrifice had not been worth it. I do not for one minute accept this argument, but as an organisation we must counter it, and the first thing we must do is try to reach out into the community in a more effective manner. We must lift our profile: increase our membership, increase our income and increase our involvement.

#### (i) Talks to Community and Service Organisations.

We could use existing contacts to gain invitations, or write to clubs with the offer to provide a guest speaker for club nights. A panel of guest speakers can be compiled so that the work load is spread more evenly, and an information sheet can be designed as a handout at those meetings.

#### (ii) Displays.

These have been tried in the past and may or may not be cost-effective. Perhaps their greatest chance of success is at the local level where we are known.

#### (iii) Community Walks

These have been suggested before. Maybe now is the time to test out the idea through ads in the local newspaper...

#### (b) On the Political Stage

#### (i) Other Conservation Groups

At the local level we already have a good working relationship with a number of local groups, e.g. FOTHR. Should we aim to create a wider network of contacts with local members of ACF, The Wilderness Society, the National Trust, etc.? Political action may be more effective if we have a united front.

#### (ii) Municipal Level

Should we monitor the decisions of our respective local Councils more closely, either by having observers in attendance or by receiving copies of minutes (is this possible?)? If we accept an alliance with other conservation organisations, should we also consider running candidates at the next local elections?

#### (iii) State Level

We must presume that a Greiner Government is as amenable to public pressure as any other Government, and therefore we must work on the assumption that if we lobby our local MPs successfully we can have an influence. We should attempt to see every MP in our region



on a regular basis (3-4 times a year) so that we will be seen as the voice of the conservation movement and will ourselves be approached when the Government wants feedback on particular issues. We should have an agenda, briefing notes and a machinery for feedback from these interviews

As individual electors, all NPA members should also write to newspapers and MPs or visit their MPs to put pressure on them. A large contingent of voices will always be heard over a lone whisper in the wilderness.

(iv) Federal Level

While this level of politics has a smaller role in our particular area of interest, it does have a role, e.g. funding, export licences for woodchips, defence claims on Jervis Bay, etc. It should not be ignored and the same lobbying tactics should also be applied at this level. John Kerin argues that environmental issues have been given too much credence. We do not want this attitude to spread.

16 MAY 1988



NEW SOUTH WALES

MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

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Dr. Richard Mason,  
President,  
National Parks Association of N.S.W.,  
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10 MAY 1988

Dear Dr. Mason,

Thank you for your letter of 2nd May, 1988. I will not be able to settle a programme for walking until after the end of the current Parliamentary sittings in early June. I am, as I indicated at the recent meeting with your Association, happy to undertake a number of walks with you over the coming year or so. I have, however, already accepted a number of invitations from other bodies that make it unlikely that anything would be possible before the end of July.

I have, however, noted your letter and will respond further in early June.

Yours sincerely,

TIM MOORE,  
Minister for the  
Environment

Copy to Mason  
PMC  
RVS  
All Branches  
FNC



Ocean Shores.  
4.3.88.

Ellen

I'm off on a few weeks sick leave. I won't be able to get out a notice re the next monthly meeting (Thursday 31st March) so perhaps you may be able to do it.

I'll send you any correspondence that arrives as I'm not sure I will be at the meeting. If I am unable to make it I'll send you what Minutes I have of the last Meeting. Andrew took the Minutes for the last half of the Meeting as I had to leave early, and I haven't yet received them.

If I can't make the Meeting would you please let them know that I don't wish to continue as Secretary. I don't seem to have the time nor the inclination (too many other things at home take my time) to devote the time to it I should.

Regards,

Mort.

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MEMO:

ALL BRANCHES

SUBJECT:

SPECIAL EDITION OF NATIONAL PARKS JOURNAL

A special edition of the Journal is being prepared and expressions of interest are sought from any member who would like to prepare an article on any aspect of land management and nature conservation issues in Western New South Wales.

The Journal will attempt to cover issues in both the Central and Western Divisions.

Deadline for receipt of articles is March 31st, 1988

Intending authors are requested to contact me as soon as possible.

Grahame Wells  
Executive Editor.



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DONATIONS NEEDED

Donations are needed towards the cost of publishing Gethin Morgan's valuable report titled  
*Nature Conservation in Western New South Wales.*

At present we are obtaining quotes on the cost of typesetting the report, which is anticipated to have a final published size of about 100 pages including maps and photographs.

Your donation will help defray the considerable cost of publication, which will be in the order of several thousands of dollars.

This is one of the most important projects NPA has ever undertaken, involving two years of labour.

Your donation will help put the seal of success on this landmark project.

Donations from individuals or corporations of \$2.00 or more are tax deductible.

Send your cheque/money order to:

"Saving the West"

National Parks Association of NSW

P.O. Box A96

SYDNEY SOUTH. 2000.

Cheques should be made payable to "National Parks Association of NSW".

*Don't miss out on Nature Conservation in Western NSW!*

Grahame Wells  
Director  
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MEMO: ALL BRANCH NEWSLETTER EDITORS  
SUBJECT: CALL FOR BLACK AND WHITE PHOTOGRAPHS

Black and white photographs are always needed for use in NPA submissions, but particularly for publication in the National Parks Journal.

Topics which could be required include:

- (a) Scenes from National Parks in NSW
- (b) Logging operations (exact location and date essential)
- (c) Pollution scenes
- (d) Field trips with NPWS officers or politicians
- (e) Coastlines
- (f) Wetlands
- (g) Rainforest
- (h) Western Division (cropping, grazing, mallee)
- (i) Central Division (remnant vegetation, e.g. Travelling Stock Reserves)

Please encourage your members to use black and white film in their cameras. Who knows - there could be another Henry Gold among our membership waiting to be discovered!

Ask your members to submit photographs to the State Council's photo library. All contributions will be gratefully accepted.

*Grahame Wells*  
Grahame Wells  
Executive Editor.



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February 5, 1988

MEMO: All Branches

SUBJECT: Membership Promotion

This is to remind Branches that the State Council's traditional liquidity problem occurs between March and May each year.

Therefore I would like to stress the importance of membership promotion activities in the months of January to April in particular.

We have adequate stocks of some issues of old Journals and a very good supply of membership application/invitation brochures. Call NOW.

*Grahame Wells*  
Grahame Wells  
Director.



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EXTENSION 6995

Mr G Wells  
Director  
National Parks Association  
PO Box 196  
SYDNEY SOUTH NSW 2000

YOUR REF: 55488 D/SM  
OUR REF:

Dear Graham

ENERGY AND THE ENVIRONMENT SEMINAR

I refer to the recent telephone conversation between yourself and our Mr Molino regarding the "Energy and the Environment Seminar" to be held in March 1988. Details of the seminar are enclosed.

As discussed, we would like you to present a paper at the seminar on conservation issues as they apply to power station and transmission line developments. The paper should emphasise how your organisation envisages electricity developments affecting the conservation of the natural environment in the future and what steps you would like to see the Electricity Commission take in this regard. The question of the need for electricity development, from a conservationist viewpoint, will be addressed by Randall King of the Wilderness Society.

Your presentation should last 20 minutes. Ten minutes has been set aside at the end of your presentation for questions.

To allow time for printing and distribution of papers, could you please forward a copy of your paper to Mr Molino, Development Division, by 20th February, 1988. Should you require any further information regarding the seminar please do not hesitate to contact Mr Molino on (02) 268 6995.

Yours faithfully

*P Stewart*  
P STEWART  
FOR SECRETARY

Encl

ATTENTION BRANCHES

IF THERE IS ANYTHING YOU  
WOULD LIKE ME TO INCLUDE  
PLEASE CONTACT ME  
BY 10th FEBRUARY

THANKS

GRAHAME WELLS  
DIRECTOR.

# Twixt Dept and the deep blue sea

SMH 17/12/87

SIR: Some questions of jurisdiction. Susan Armstrong (Letters, December 10) is justifiably irritated at the apparent lack of response by a National Parks and Wildlife Service officer to law-breakers near Bare Island Historic Site. However, the legal situation is complex since there is no marine reserve under the National Parks and Wildlife Act and I am not aware of any Aquatic Reserve designation under the Fisheries Act at La Perouse.

Responsibility for managing fish rests with the New South Wales Fisheries Service. However, aspects of fish habitat are under the control of the Lands Department and the Maritime Services Board, with some exceptions. This association has long advocated that the inter-tidal zone adjoining national parks, nature reserves, state recreation areas and historic sites should be transferred from the Crown Lands Office to the National Parks and Wildlife Service. However, the Crown Lands Office and the Fisheries Service have constantly refused to agree to the transfer of the inter-tidal lands fronting such reserves. Their positions are not based on sound legal,

political or administrative footings, but merely on the territorial instincts of the mandarins of Sydney town. We are left with the absurd situation where most national parks end at the high water mark. Below this the law breakers are free to do their worst because of the lack of management presence by the Lands Department. I agree with Ms Armstrong that there can be little hope for our "national or marine parks". It's about time the Premier, Mr Unsworth, kicked a few butts.

Grahame Wells,  
National Parks Association of NSW,  
Pitt Street,  
Sydney.

December 10

## Bare facts

SMH 15/12/87

SIR: Officers of the National Parks and Wildlife Service are "corrupt or derelict" (Letters, December 10). This claim is based on indiscriminate spearfishing in Sydney's underwater environment particularly at Bare Island at La Perouse. The facts are as follows:

- The National Parks and Wildlife Service does not manage any marine areas in the Sydney region. Our parks are only reserved to the high water mark.

- The only marine fauna protected under the National Parks and Wildlife Act are marine mammals (whales, dolphins, seals).

- The National Parks and Wildlife Service prohibits persons carrying spear guns or other weapons in parks. At Bare Island during the last year approximately 150 persons were cautioned for being in possession of spear guns above high water mark at Bare Island Historic Site.

- Most spearfishers gain access to the area around Bare Island through the water and do not venture above high water mark into the park.

The accusations against the National Parks and Wildlife Service are baseless baloney.

J. F. Whitehouse,  
National Parks and Wildlife Service,  
Kent Street,  
Sydney.  
December 10

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National Parks Association of NSW

Date: December 11th, 1987

Memo: To all Branch Secretaries

Subject: New By-laws - notice pursuant to section 74.

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Please note that State Council at its meeting of December 5th, 1987 amended By-laws 46A and 48A. This memo should be placed in your By-law folder with the previously notified By-laws and copy of the NPA Constitution. Any Branch which has lost its By-laws folder should contact the State Council office for a replacement set of By-laws.

Grahame Wells  
Director

National Parks Association of NSW

**By-Law 46A - Subscriptions**

- (1) The membership subscriptions in each class of membership shall be as follows:

Class of membership	Subscription
Ordinary	\$23
Household	\$25
Corporate	\$28
Concessional	\$14
Junior	\$14

- (2) This By-Law shall take effect from 1st April, 1988
- (3) The State Council shall review the schedule of subscriptions in By-Law 46A(1) above and the Branch Operating Allowance in By-Law 48A below, annually. The State Council shall take into consideration when reviewing the subscriptions any change in the Consumer Price Index or similar indicator of inflation since the occasion when a decision to change the subscriptions was last made.

**By-Law 48(A) - Branch Operating Allowance**

- (1) The Branch Operating Allowance be paid to each Branch at the rate of \$5.50 per membership, regardless of membership class.



Minister for Agriculture, Lands and Forests  
New South Wales

INVITATION

The Minister for Agriculture, Lands and Forests, Jack Hallam  
requests the pleasure of:

The Secretary,  
National Parkes Association  
Far North Coast Branch,

to attend the opening of a display on the draft plan of  
management for Goanna Headland (Dirawong Reserve) at Evans  
Head.

Place: Evans Head R.S.L. Club,  
Woodburn St., Evans Head

Date: Thursday 11th June, 1987

Time: 11am.

Contact: John Adams,  
Project Director,  
Lands Office,  
GRAFTON. N.S.W. 2460

Phone: (066) 52-0552





# National Parks and Wildlife Service



Mr M. Kaveney  
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Our reference:

Your reference:

Telephone: 237 6500  
Extension:

29 AUG 1985

Dear Mr Kaveney

In my letter to you on 1st May, 1985 I indicated that our joint attention needed to be directed towards management efficiency, optimising the benefits from our scarce resources and critically reviewing priorities between competing claims.

Having now had four months to become familiar with the staff and activities of the organisation and the current management arrangements, I have decided to proceed to review and restructure the organisation and operation of the Service in the light of the following principles.

- \* the development of a comprehensive system to establish corporate priorities and programmes and a system of project control to provide the basis for allocation of staff and finance and the monitoring of programme implementation.
- \* the establishment of a central policy and planning function to strengthen policy development and planning activities.
- \* the development of an organisational structure offering greater flexibility and interchange together with a programme of staff rotation to assist in career development. *Supervisor Teacher increase in community*
- \* development of an effective reporting and monitoring system along project lines. *Resources need expansion - and at regional level ✓*
- \* establishment of a programme budgeting system as a basis for the allocation of financial resources.
- \* the establishment of a Senior Management Committee as a basis of corporate decision making. *We had around*



- \* the integration of the staff support for State Recreation Area Trusts within the regional management framework of the Service.
- \* the development of a more responsive and active information function.

*seconded teacher*

I have engaged personnel from outside the National Parks and Wildlife Service to undertake this review. Mr. S.J. Day who is currently the Executive Director (Administration) in the NSW Department of Agriculture is the principal consultant. He is to be assisted by Ms. Marilyn Taylor who is the Personnel Officer in the NSW Department of Environment and Planning.

The organisational review will be assisted by an Organisational Review Consultative Committee under the chairmanship of Ms. Judy Rawson, E.E.O. Co-ordinator. Members of the Consultative Committee will include:

- \* Mr. Bruce Leaver
- \* Ms. Sharon Sullivan
- \* Dr. Neil Shepherd
- \* Mr. Michael Brereton
- \* Mr. Frank Cahill
- \* Mr. Barrie Booth

The review will be undertaken in consultation with the staff and relevant trade unions. The consultants have been requested to arrange discussions with several groups including

- \* the Association of State Recreation Area Trustees.
- \* representatives of Advisory Committees for National Parks and Historic Sites.

You are invited to forward any written submission you care to make. All submissions should be marked "Confidential: Organisational Review Submission, Mr. S.J. Day, National Parks and Wildlife Service, 2nd Floor, 189-193 Kent Street, Sydney". All submissions will be confidential to Mr. Day and Ms. Taylor and will not be disclosed to any member of the Service's Management. Issues raised in submissions will of course be canvassed with the Consultative Committee and management, although the author's identity will not be disclosed.



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I do hope that you will take this opportunity to participate in the review which should ensure that we have the best organisation possible to meet the challenges ahead.

Yours sincerely

*J.F. Whitehouse*

J.F. Whitehouse  
Director

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5) S.R.A.

6) Education

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Alstonville, 2477.  
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N.P.A. (F.N.C.)

Dear Sir,

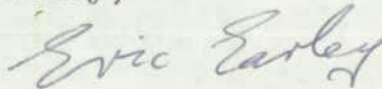
The R.V.R.A. is submitting an application for a C.E.P. grant of \$60,000 to provide employment for twenty eight weeks for six persons.

Land is being made available by Lismore City Council for a reforestation project/ park/ picnic area/

We request your support for this project.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Eric Earley". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Eric" and last name "Earley" clearly distinguishable.

Pres.



NEW SOUTH WALES  
MINISTER FOR PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

-3 MAY 1985

Mr G. Wells  
Director, National Parks Association of N.S.W.  
State Council  
275C Pitt Street  
SYDNEY, NSW. 2000.

Dear Mr Wells,

I refer to your letter of 5th March, 1985, concerning the Aboriginal land claim over Goanna Headland adjacent to Bundjalung National Park.

Under the Aboriginal Land Rights Act, 1983, the responsibility for determining claims under that Act rests with my colleague, the Hon. J.A. Crosio, M.B.E., M.P., Minister for Natural Resources.

Your Association would no doubt be aware that there are a number of conflicting land use proposals presently being considered in relation to the Goanna Headland claim. This claim is a very complex matter because of the variety of interests and the contentious nature of the land claims issue generally.

In terms of the administration of the National Parks and Wildlife Act I must consider at least two major aspects related to the Goanna Headland issue. I am responsible for the protection of natural environments, and I am also responsible for the protection and preservation of all Aboriginal relics and Aboriginal Places in New South Wales.

The comparative values in both fields must be carefully assessed to ensure that the management decision reached for the area takes both of these aspects into account.

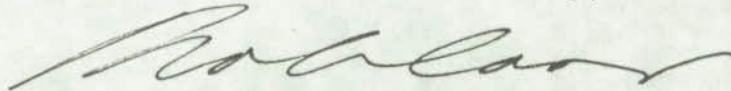
The Director of National Parks and Wildlife has advised me that the Service has been liaising closely with the Aboriginal Land Claims Unit of the Crown Lands Office, with regard to this claim. The Crown Lands office will be presenting recommendations to Mrs Crosio for her consideration. The Service has provided the Unit with details of the area's importance from the point of view of both its areas of responsibility.



Whilst I am not, of course, as yet aware of Mrs Crosio's decision on this claim, I am convinced that all the necessary information on the natural and cultural values of Goanna Headland has been provided to her by the Service. Without wishing to in any way pre-empt her final decision, I am confident that it will reflect the importance of preserving these values.

In view of the foregoing, I do not consider that any useful purpose would be served by my making representation to my Ministerial colleagues as requested by your Council at this time.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Bob Carr', with a stylized, flowing script.

BOB CARR



# Soil Conservation Service

## NORTH EAST REGIONAL OFFICE



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For North Coast Branch  
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Phone: (065) 62 1391 or 62 1392  
Telex: AA 66013

Contact:

Our Reference:

Your Reference:

April 1985.

Dear Sir,

As part of its coastal sand dune stabilization programme the Soil Conservation Service sells seed, seedlings and plant material from its Plant Propagation Centre at Grassy Head (see species list overpage).

At present we are considering expanding the range of species we propagate and so are interested in learning of your experience with and/or opinion of the various plants used for beach stabilization.

Your answers to the short questionnaire below will assist us in formulating our plans and would be much appreciated. The questionnaire is a general one circulated to a number of organisations and some questions will not be applicable to your organisation. Please ignore the irrelevant questions.

Would you please return the questionnaire in the reply paid envelope enclosed.

*L.A. Watt*

L.A. Watt,  
Special Research Officer.

for

R.J. Stanley

Soil Conservationist - Coastal Dune Management.



SPECIES LIST, 1985GRASSES

<u>Species</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
<i>Ammophila arenaria</i> (marram grass)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- primary coloniser of drift sand</li> <li>- exposed areas (wind &amp; salt tolerant)</li> <li>- tussocky perennial to 1 m tall</li> <li>- vegetative propagation in cooler months</li> </ul>
<i>Spinifex hirsutus</i> (sand spinifex)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- primary coloniser of drift sand</li> <li>- exposed areas</li> <li>- prostrate perennial</li> <li>- establish from seed or runners in warmer months</li> </ul>

TREES & SHRUBS

(all available as tubed seedlings)

<i>Acacia sophorae</i> (coastal wattle)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- excellent secondary sand stabiliser</li> <li>- exposed areas</li> <li>- prostrate running habit to 2 m tall</li> <li>- <u>seed also available for direct seeding</u></li> </ul>
<i>Acacia longifolia</i> (Sydney golden wattle)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- mildly acid to alkaline sands</li> <li>- tolerates some exposure &amp; wet sites</li> <li>- shrub to 6 m</li> </ul>
<i>Acacia saligna</i> (includes <i>A. cyanophylla</i> cypress wattle, W.A. golden wattle)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- sandy soils, calcareous loams, clays</li> <li>- moderate salt &amp; drought tolerance</li> <li>- fast growing, pendulous, to 3 m</li> <li>- ideal along stream banks</li> </ul>
<i>Banksia ericifolia</i> (heath banksia)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- acid sandy soils</li> <li>- protected situations (heathlands)</li> <li>- handsome tall shrub to 6 m</li> </ul>
<i>Banksia integrifolia</i> (coastal honeysuckle)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- sandy soils</li> <li>- moderate wind &amp; salt tolerance</li> <li>- tree to 16 m</li> </ul>
<i>Banksia serrata</i> (red honeysuckle)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- acid sandy soils</li> <li>- wind resistant but protect from salt spray (woodlands)</li> <li>- strong growing, to 6 m</li> </ul>
<i>Casuarina equisetifolia</i> var. <i>incana</i> (horse tail oak, coastal she oak)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- deep sandy soils</li> <li>- wind &amp; salt tolerant</li> <li>- good windbreak tree in exposed situations</li> <li>- fast growing tree to 10 m</li> </ul>
<i>Casuarina glauca</i> (swamp oak)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- tolerates diversity of soil &amp; moisture conditions</li> <li>- withstand some exposure</li> <li>- good "swampy" tree to 12 m</li> </ul>
<i>Cupaniopsis anacardioides</i> (tuckeroo)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- deep sandy soils</li> <li>- some tolerance of wind &amp; salt spray</li> <li>- handsome specimen tree, to 10 m</li> </ul>
<i>Eucalyptus grandis</i> (flooded gum)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- prefers fertile, moist, acid-neutral loams</li> <li>- suitable for poorer coastal soils</li> <li>- very fast grower, to 30 m</li> </ul>
<i>Eucalyptus robusta</i> (swamp mahogany)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- tolerates wet, alkaline &amp; sub-saline soils</li> <li>- suits edges of swamps, estuaries &amp; lagoons</li> </ul>
<i>Grevillea banksii</i> (Banks grevillea)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- poor sandy soils</li> <li>- protected sites</li> <li>- spreading tree to 6 m</li> </ul>
<i>Leptospermum laevigatum</i> (coastal tea tree)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- acid sandy soils</li> <li>- some wind &amp; salt tolerance</li> <li>- good windbreak shrub to 6 m</li> </ul>
<i>Melaleuca armillaris</i> (bracelet honey myrtle)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- tolerates diversity of soil &amp; moisture conditions</li> <li>- requires protection from salt spray</li> <li>- attractive windbreak shrub to 6 m</li> </ul>
<i>Melaleuca quinque-nervia</i> (broad-leaved paperbark)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- tolerates diversity of conditions including wet, brackish, alkaline &amp; saline soils</li> <li>- fine shade &amp; shelter tree to 10 m</li> </ul>
<i>Banksia serratifolia</i> (wallum banksia)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- acid sandy soils</li> <li>- typical heathland habitat</li> <li>- spreading habit, branching near base</li> <li>- shrub to 6 m</li> </ul>



Soil Conservation Service of N.S.W.  
Kempsey Regional Office  
QUESTIONNAIRE RE:  
Plants for Sand Dune Stabilization.

Q1: WERE YOU AWARE THAT BEACH STABILIZATION PLANTS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE NURSERY AT GRASSY HEADS?

Yes .....

Please tick

No .....

Would you please refer to the species list enclosed with these notes and answer the following:-

Q2: DO YOU CONSIDER THE RANGE OF SPECIES OFFERED AT OUR GRASS HEADS NURSERY TO BE:-

Inadequate .....

Please tick

Adequate .....

More than

Adequate .....

Q3: OF THE SPECIES ON OUR LIST, WHICH ONES HAVE GIVEN YOU THE BEST RESULTS?

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Q4: ARE THERE OTHER SPECIES (NOT ON OUR LIST) THAT HAVE GIVEN YOU GOOD RESULTS?

Yes .....

Please tick

No .....

IF YES, PLEASE LIST:-

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Q9: COULD YOU ESTIMATE HOW MANY SEEDLINGS (OR KG. OF  
SEED WHERE APPROPRIATE) YOUR ORGANISATION PLANTS  
ON NORTH COAST BEACH STABILIZATION PROGRAMMES  
EACH YEAR?

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PLEASE LIST THE NAME OF YOUR ORGANISATION

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NAME OF CONTACT OFFICER

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THANK YOU

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PLEASE RETURN THE QUESTIONNAIRE IN THE PRE-PAID ENVELOPE  
ENCLOSED.





157 Liverpool Street  
Sydney 2000  
G.P.O. Box 4036  
Sydney 2001

Our reference: 707367/3

Your reference:

Telephone: (02) 265 8888  
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26th April, 1985

Dear Sir/Madam,

Meetings on Draft Floodplain Development Manual

Further to my letter of 24th April, 1985, it is advised that meetings have been arranged to enable discussion with representatives of the Flood Policy Advisory Committee, on the subject draft manual, at the following venues.

Tuesday 21st May, 1985 - Lismore and Districts Workers Club, 231 Keen Street, Lismore.

Thursday 23rd May, 1985 - Bankstown Civic Centre, The Mall, Bankstown.

Tuesday 28th May, 1985 - Commercial Club, 77 Gurwood Street, Wagga Wagga.

The purpose of the meetings is to explain the provisions of the Government's new flood policy and its implementation, as covered by the draft manual, and to generally discuss the issues involved, to assist interested parties in their review of the manual. The programme to be followed at each of the meetings is attached for information.

It is hoped that representatives of councils, relevant public authorities and community and professional groups will attend one of these meetings and, accordingly, an invitation is extended for you, or your organisation, to be present. In this regard, it is felt that the meetings will be more meaningful if those attending have read the draft manual, which is being distributed separately.

To assist in ensuring adequate accommodation and luncheon facilities are available, would you please complete and return the enclosed attendance form to Secretary, Flood Policy Advisory Committee, G.P.O. Box 4036, Sydney, 2001, by Monday 13th May, 1985.

Yours faithfully,

PETER STANDEN

Chairman,

Flood Policy Advisory Committee

## MEETINGS ON DRAFT FLOODPLAIN DEVELOPMENT MANUAL

### PROGRAMME

- 9.00 - 9.30 a.m. : Registration.
- 9.30 - 9.50 a.m. : Opening and statement on new policy including legislative provisions.
- 9.50 - 10.30 a.m. : Presentation on the manual including the basic system and related procedures, as well as interim arrangements.
- 10.30 - 11.00 a.m. : Morning Tea.
- 11.00 - 12.00 noon : Discussion and questions on manual.
- 12.00 - 1.30 p.m. : Lunch.
- 1.30 - 1.50 p.m. : Planning implications.
- 1.50 - 2.20 p.m. : Discussion and questions on planning implications.
- 2.20 - 3.20 p.m. : Panel session.
- 3.20 - 4.00 p.m. : Final discussion and summation.

Please note that while there is no registration fee for attendance at the meetings, those wishing to attend the luncheon to be provided at each of the venues will need to meet their own costs.



MEETINGS ON DRAFT FLOODPLAIN DEVELOPMENT MANUAL

ATTENDANCE FORM

To assist in accommodation and catering arrangements this form must be completed and returned to the Secretary, Flood Policy Advisory Committee, G.P.O. Box 4036, Sydney, 2001, by Monday 13th May, 1985.

The following person/s will be attending the Floodplain Development Manual meeting to be held at (Please specify which meeting location you wish to attend, that is, Bankstown, Lismore or Wagga Wagga).

Meeting Location:

Organisation:

Address:

Telephone:

Name/s of  
Persons Attending:

Number of persons requiring  
lunch, to be paid on day  
(approximately \$10 per head):

Signature of Applicant:

Date:

Please note that this application will not be replied to unless unforeseen circumstances require changes to be made in the arrangements. Those persons nominated (or their alternates) should simply attend the relevant venue on the appropriate day.

Registration of attendance will occur between 9.00 and 9.30 a.m. at each meeting.



NEW SOUTH WALES  
MINISTER FOR PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

SYDNEY, 28 MAR 1985

Mr. Grahame Wells,  
Director,  
National Parks Association,  
275C Pitt Street,  
SYDNEY 2000 00

Dear Mr. Wells,

Thank you for your telegram of 12 March 1985 seeking my support for protection of the wetlands and associated coastal forests in the Billinudgel/Yelgun/Ocean Shores area.

Following consideration of the recommendation of the Heritage Council of New South Wales, I approved the making of an Interim Conservation Order in respect of this natural area. The order became effective on 15 March 1985 and remains in force for a period of two years during which time further inquiry and investigation will be carried out to determine the need for more permanent conservation action. Such investigation will involve analysis of the conservation values of the various vegetation communities on the land and consultation between the Department of Environment and Planning, the National Parks and Wildlife Service and the Councils of Tweed and Byron Shires.

I trust the above action meets with your Association's approval.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Bob Carr'.

BOB CARR





National Parks Association of NSW

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March 5, 1985.

Hon. R.J. Carr, MP,  
Minister for Planning and Environment,  
139 Macquarie Street,  
SYDNEY. 2000.

Dear Mr. Carr,

Re: Goanna Headland, near Evans Head, NSW.

The Association understands that an aboriginal land claim over Goanna Headland, north of Bundjalung National Park, is due to be determined in the next four to six weeks.

On October 15, 1982, this Association proposed the addition of the Goanna Headland area to the adjoining National Park. Subsequently the National Parks and Wildlife Service conducted a resources investigation which confirmed the presence of a number of rare plant and bird species in the Goanna Headland environs. Among these is the rare and endangered ground parrot.

The State Council of the Association meeting in Wollongong on March 2nd, resolved to request you to make strong representations to your Ministerial colleagues for the addition of Goanna Headland to Bundjalung National Park.

We look forward to your support.

Yours sincerely,

Grahame Wells  
Director.



F.N.C

STATE COUNCIL MEETING - MARCH 2, 1985.

REPORT TO NATIONAL PARKS ASSOCIATION OF NSW ON

COUNCIL OF HERITAGE ORGANISATIONS NSW (C.O.H.O.)

As proxy for Jim Corbett (absent on a visit to South Coast National Parks)  
I attended the February 1985 meeting of C.O.H.O.

I will omit mention of those matters (archaeology, genealogy, archivism,  
old buildings, old ships, etc.) not of great interest to NPA.

The following issues affect the natural environment:

Yuraygir National Park - Road.

NPA's motion of November 1984 had been carried and acted upon. COHO's  
letter objecting to the proposed road had been acknowledged by the NSW  
Bicentennial Council; however, the reply gave rise to further fears that  
Maclean Shire's application may have been referred on to the Commonwealth  
Bicentennial Road Programme.

COHO's Chairman, Nick Vine-Hall, will further pursue the matter.

Liverpool Plains Grassland.

A motion moved by NPA-NSW that COHO support dedication of new Nature  
Reserves in the Gunnedah region was carried unanimously. NPA is now to  
draft a letter to go to Minister, Bob Carr, over the signature of  
COHO's chairman.

NSW Rainforests.

NCC's delegate, Dr. Paul Adam, reported on the "foul-up" of the  
Commonwealth Government nomination of rainforests in NSW to World  
Heritage, which was not sent in time.

COHO has resolved to urge the Government to make a commitment that  
it will forward the nomination before 1986; also to seek a policy  
statement regarding any future World Heritage nominations.

Murray River Redgum.

Agreement was reached between NCC and NPA delegates that at COHO's May  
1985 meeting a motion will be submitted dealing with conservation of  
Redgums in suitable reserves. It seems COHO will favourably consider  
this, as the Council is actively interested in more "natural

(over)



environment" projects to balance its "built" environment issues.

#### Western Division Conservation

It was further foreshadowed that, later on in 1985, NPA would bring forward a motion dealing with Mallee reservations and other flora and fauna heritage issues in the West.

#### Geological Reserves

An upcoming new member of COHO is the Geological Society of Australia. This body is actively proposing new Geological Sites for reservation by NP&WS. There should be scope for valuable liaison with this Society, both in general regarding work of NPA Reserves Committee and, in particular, about underwater geological conservation, to tie in to work on Marine Reserves being pursued by NPA through IUCN.

#### The Myles Dunphy Collection

One of the most senior officers of the State Library of NSW, Mr. Paul Brunton, sits on COHO Council. He is the officer handling the accession of the Dunphy collection of diaries, journals, maps, etc., to the Mitchell Library. Contact with Mr. Brunton should be valuable to assist any NPA member or other parks person seeking to use the Dunphy collection.

#### Publicity

COHO Chairman Vine-Hall regularly conducts his own TV session and his own newspaper column, thus having excellent contacts with the media. He offers to help any COHO member to obtain publicity for its projects and issues.

Various COHO member bodies print their own newsletters or journals, and there was a general agreement to reciprocate in printing publicity matter for fellow member-bodies.

February, 1985.

Paul H. Barnes.





NEW SOUTH WALES  
MINISTER FOR PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

Dr. P.M. den Exter,  
President,  
Far North Coast Branch  
of the National Parks Association  
of New South Wales,  
Box 44, P.O.,  
SOUTH LISMORE. N.S.W. 2480.

19 FEB 1985

Dear Dr. den Exter,

Reference is made to your letter dated 15th October, 1984, addressed to my predecessor the Hon. T.W. Sheahan, B.A. LL.B., M.P., concerning the proposed Wilson Park Nature Reserve near Lismore.

The Director of National Parks and Wildlife has advised me that the Wilson Park Reserve is still under active consideration by the National Parks and Wildlife Service for reservation as a nature reserve.

The area is recognised as a particularly important remnant of the "Big Scrub". Despite the close proximity of this small rainforest to the urban development of Lismore it is a viable example of this once extensive environment.

Prior to the development of the "Wilson Walk" the Crown Lands Office approached the Service for advice on the location of the track, and construction techniques to be adopted. As the Crown Lands Office had already determined that the track was to be constructed, the Service's advice was confined to minimising possible adverse environmental consequences. The track was located so as to minimise the cutting of vegetation, and vines were tied back rather than cut.

Whilst the Service was apprehensive about the track's construction, officers from the Crown Lands Office were sympathetic to the area's scientific values, and determined also to minimise environmental consequences. In fact special arrangements were made to protect two patches of crisped silkpod (*Parsonia lilacina*), a delicate vine in the understorey. This vine is rare and until recently discovered at Wilson Park by the University of New England it had not been collected since 1916.

The Service is still negotiating with the Crown Lands Office on the question of the control of the reserve. The Service, as mentioned, is actively pursuing the reservation of this area as a nature reserve in recognition of the area's important scientific values.

Would you please accept my thanks for the Branch's continued interest in the reservation of this important area. I note that the Branch has approached my colleague, the Minister for Natural Resources, the Hon. J.A. Crosio, M.B.E., M.P., expressing concern about the area.

Yours sincerely,

BOB CARR





National Parks Association of NSW

State Council  
275c Pitt Street, Sydney NSW 2000  
Telephone (02) 264 7994

15 February 1985

Dr Peter den Exter  
President  
Far North Coast Branch  
National Parks Association of NSW  
49 Cathcart Street  
LISMORE NSW 2480

Dear Peter,

There has been an unsourced report that there are proposals to log Donaldson State Forest. My informant understands National Parks and Wildlife Service has been instructed to do a report. Have you heard anything?

Yours sincerely,

*Grahame*  
Grahame Wells,  
Director.

*Loggins  
Goanna Creek*

*Brian Nash*

*341 318*

*RF logging finished*

*Hardwood Logging continuing  
for past 18 months*

Fnc B.

February 12, 1985.

MEMO : ALL BRANCHES

SUBJECT: Ministerial Correspondence with Minister for  
Planning and Environment.

1. Please note the correct address for the Minister is:

Minister for Planning and Environment  
139 Macquarie Street  
SYDNEY. 2000.

The telephone number is (02) 27 5974.

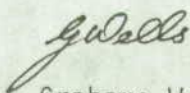
Do not write to Parliament House.

2. When writing to the Minister (or to anyone else for that matter) please ensure that you have correctly spelt the Park or Reserve name.

NPA's credibility is not enhanced by a recent Branch letter which not only consistently misspelt the Park name but also stated that there was an adopted Plan of Management for that Park when in fact there is not.

3. Branch secretaries are requested to bring this memo to the attention of their committee.

Thank you for your co-operation.



Grahame Wells  
Director.





National Parks Association of NSW

State Council  
275c Pitt Street, Sydney NSW 2000  
Telephone (02) 264 7994

6th February, 1985.

Memo: Frank Dennis (NP&W Advisory Council)  
✓ NPA Far North Coast Branch  
Joan Boyd (S/C Executive)  
Dick Mason (S/C President)  
Park Management Committee (NPA)  
Tom Fink  
Ted Fensom  
Celia Smith ) Northern Region Advisory Committee  
Peter Morgan )

Subject: BORDER RANGES NATIONAL PARK

Please find enclosed a copy of the submission dated February 6, 1985 on management planning for the Border Ranges National Park.

The submission is due to be presented to NP&WS Northern Region Director, Geoff Martin, at a meeting in Grafton on Saturday, 9th February, 1985.

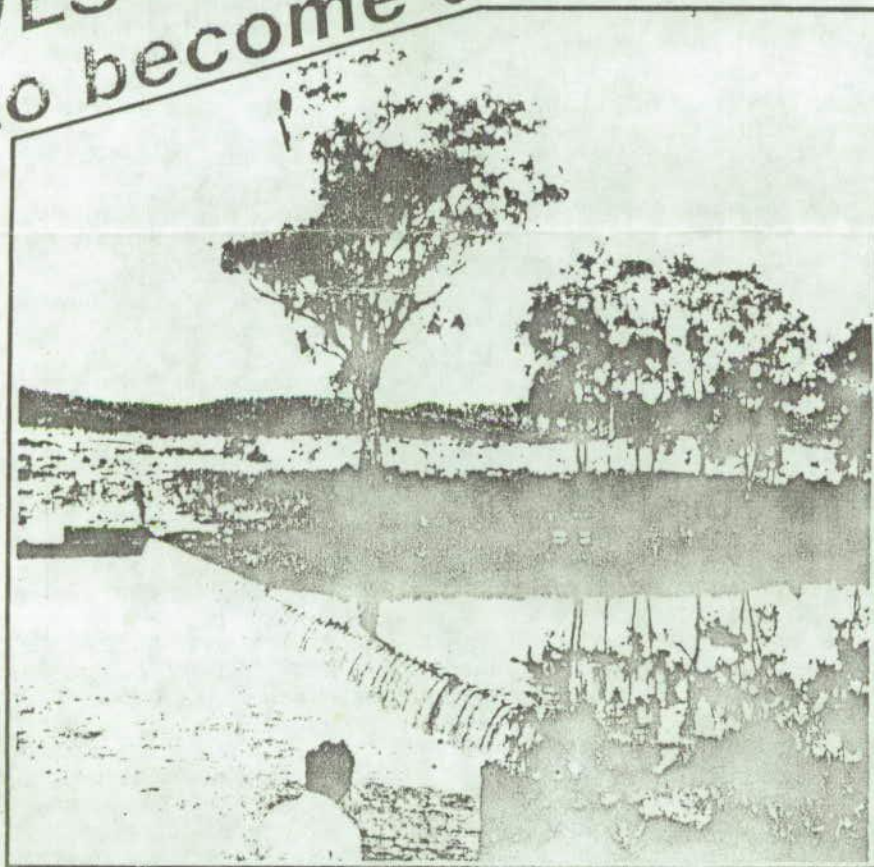
My thanks to Tom Fink for co-ordinating the submission and preparing the drafts.

Grahame Wells  
Director.

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# THE NEWTON BOYD PROJECT WESTERN DIVERSION - to become a REALITY?



## Scheme 2

**A Multipurpose Scheme to Direct Tributaries  
of the Clarence River to the Murray-Darling  
Basin, and incorporating hydro electric  
Power Generation**

by DAVID D COFFEY BE FIEAust  
Consulting Engineer, Sydney

February 1985



# The Newton Boyd Project

This is a scheme which is capable of diverting from the Clarence River catchment over one million megalitres of water annually to the Murray-Darling Basin. The water would enter the basin at the Dumaresq River, the border river between Queensland and New South Wales.

Incorporated in the scheme are both 'pure' hydroelectric power generation and pumped storage generation.

Key features of the scheme are -

## Water

- The yearly water flow would be entirely reliable and dependable and the annual quantity could be released in as short a time as five months of the year
- the quantity of water capable of being diverted westward is very large, being one quarter of that which flows out of the mouth of the Clarence River each year
- the stored water in each of the proposed reservoirs could readily be returned to the Clarence systems in the event of drought affecting the upper Clarence Valley
- since the reservoir storage capacities are so large, it is both flood proof and drought proof at the same time

## Power

- A pumped storage component of 1500 MW would provide peak electrical load to both NSW and south east Queensland. It would replace the proposed Apsley project for NSW alone and provide electrical needs well beyond the year 2000
- the pumped storage project is unique in that it can operate continuously for up to 90 days. The pump and turbine sizes are also compatible with the water diversion requirements. Water diversion would require an average of 6 hours per day pumping at an off peak power of 1030 MW. This leaves 18 hours in each day for the pumping/generation mode.

Because of the size of the Glen Elgin storage, the annual requirements of water release to the west would be independent of the pumping.

- a 320 MW hydroelectric power station at Marengo Creek will provide additional low cost power to the electrical grid system.

## Costs

The preliminary cost estimate for the total scheme is \$1662m, based on present day (early 1985) dollar values. Current estimates of cost for pumped storage schemes are approximately \$600/KW which means that the value of the electricity generation component of the project is \$900m, (ie. \$600 x 1 500 000 KW). By this reasoning the water diversion component is \$762m which, for providing a reliable 1 million megalitres annually, is economically very attractive.

## Method of Operation

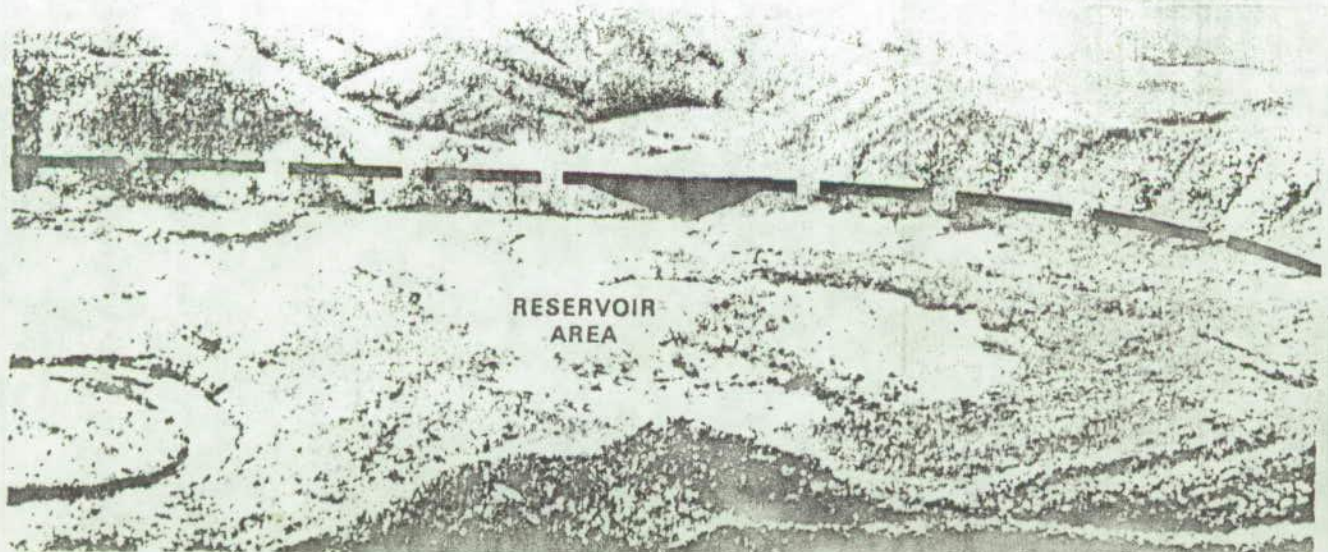
By reference to the figure opposite, the scheme operates as follows.

Water from the Mann and Boyd rivers and their tributaries are impounded in a very large reservoir created by dams at points 7 and 8 on the figure. Two reservoirs are created by these dams but these are joined by a cut (10) in a saddle near Newton Boyd.

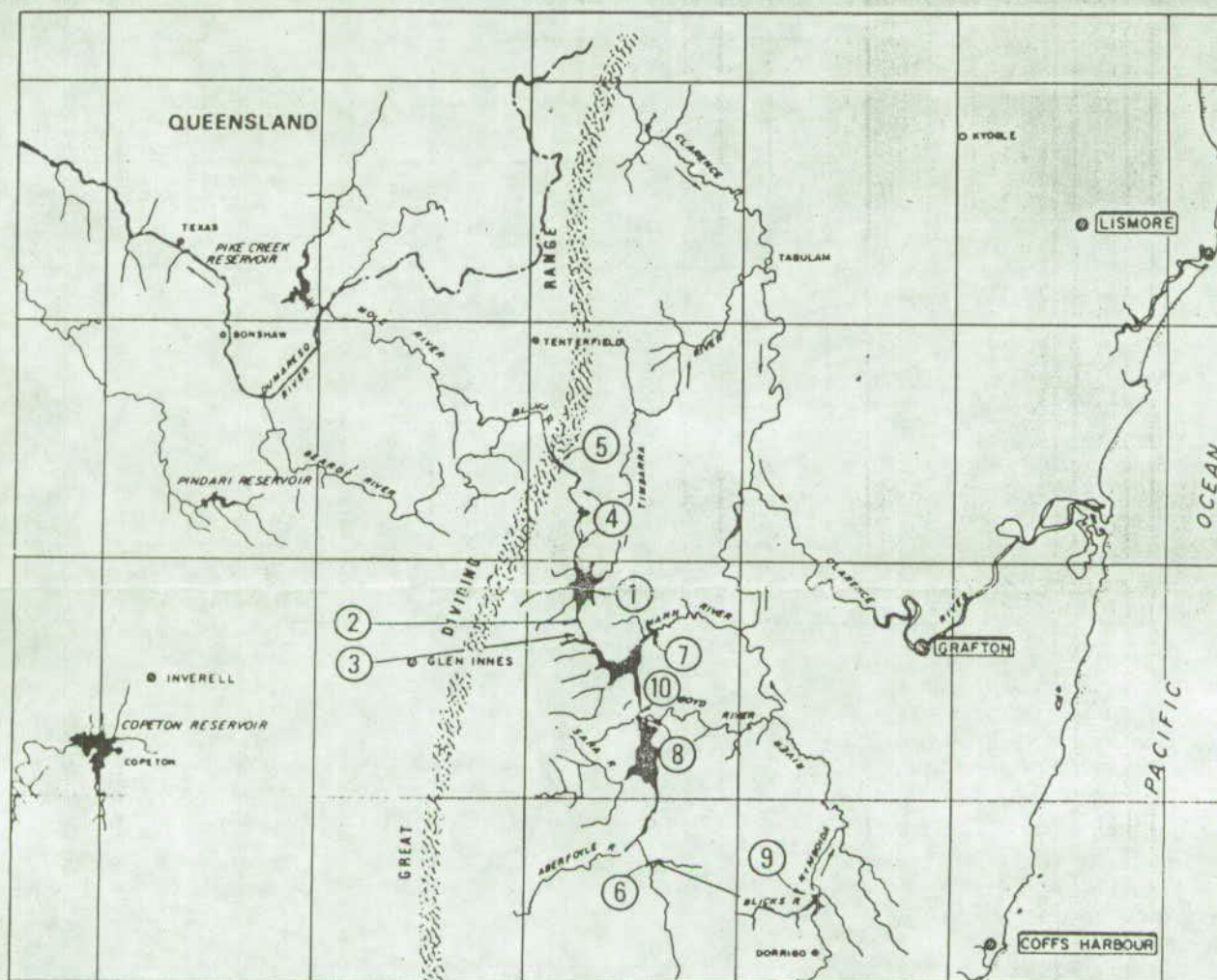
Water from the upper Nymboida and Blicks rivers is added to this reservoir. A dam on the Nymboida (9) diverts water to the Guy Fawkes valley at Marengo Creek (6) through a 29 km diversion tunnel.

A dam is constructed on the Timbarra River in the Glen Elgin valley (1), creating a large high level reservoir there. Water can be transferred from the lower Newton Boyd reservoir to the higher Glen Elgin reservoir by a large underground power/pump station under Hartleys Creek (2). This power station is connected to the Newton Boyd reservoir by a tailrace/inlet tunnel (3).

Water may be transferred from the upper Glen Elgin reservoir, by gravity, through a series of canals, pondages and short tunnels through the Great Dividing Range at (5) and to the Bluff River. From here the water would flow to the Mole River and thence to the Dumaresq-Macintyre system.







### LOCAL DETAILS (Incorporating Pumped Storage and Western Diversion into Bluff River)

#### HYDROLOGY

Average annual water flows into the Newton Boyd and Glen Elgin reservoirs are:

Ml x 10<sup>6</sup>

Boyd River	0.43
Mann River	0.24
Nymboida River	0.50
Timbarra River	0.05
	<u>1.22</u>

Total catchment area for the scheme is 5515 km<sup>2</sup>, 23.7% of the total Clarence catchment. The scheme captures one quarter of the total Clarence outflow. Average rainfall over the catchment is 1063 mm.

#### REGULATION

For regulation and release to the west or east of an average of 1.1 Ml x 10<sup>6</sup> in five months of each year, the sizes of the various components of the scheme are given in the tables below.

Dams	Type	Height of Crest above Streambed (m)	Embankment Volumes (M <sup>3</sup> x 10 <sup>6</sup> )	Spillway
Mann	Rock Fill	130	9.7	Gated
Boyd	" "	134	10.5	None
Nymboida	" "	160	10.0	Ungated
Glen Elgin	" "	111	11.4	None



**Major Storages**Operating  
Levels  
(AHD)Capacity Between  
Operating Levels  
(ML x 10<sup>6</sup>)

Newton Boyd	320 - 362	3.8
Nymboida/Blicks	500 - 550	0.68
Glen Elgin	925 - 948	2.05

**Tunnels**Diameter  
(m)Length  
(km)Maximum  
Flow  
m<sup>3</sup>/s

Nymboida - Guy Fawkes	3.6	27.6	39
Glen Elgin - Newton Boyd		5.8	350
Tailrace Tunnel	11.0		
Butterleaf Creek - Rockadooie Creek	7.0	1.8	83
Rockadooie Weir - Emu Creek	7.0	2.4	83
Morven Creek - Five Mile Creek (Bluff River)	7.0	5.7	83

**Major Excavations**Maximum Depth  
of Cut (m)Volume of Cut  
(m<sup>3</sup> x 10<sup>6</sup>)

Newton Boyd Saddle	100	6.7
Mann River Deepening to Tailrace Tunnel Inlet	39	1.9
Glen Elgin Reservoir to Power Station Inlet Shaft	75	5.7
Butterleaf to Rockadooie Tunnel	40	0.9
Tunnel to Rockadooie Weir	40	0.7
Emu Creek	20	0.3
Morven Creek Dam to Diversion Tunnel	20	0.3
Five Mile Creek Cut	40	0.7

**Electric Power**

Output (MW)

Hartleys Creek Power Station (Pumped Storage)	2000 continuous for up to 66 days
Marengo Creek Hydro Electric Station	320 for 1 hour per day
Hartleys Creek Pumping	1000 for 8 hours per day

**Costs**

These costs have been estimated in January 1985 dollars as a basis of comparison with other schemes prepared by the Electricity Commission of NSW. They include investigation, design, supervision and contingencies.

**Project**Capital Cost  
\$M

Newton Boyd Storage	502.5
Nymboida Dam and Diversion Tunnel	342.4
Glen Elgin Storage	291.2
Bluff River Diversion Works from Glen Elgin	122.3
Power Station, Surge chambers and pressure shaft and distributor	79.2
Power Station Access Tunnel and tailrace tunnel	179.9
Transmission Line 330 KV	





NEW SOUTH WALES  
MINISTER FOR PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

22 JAN 1985

Dr H. Veness,  
Honorary Secretary,  
State Council,  
National Parks Association of N.S.W.,  
P.O. Box A96,  
SYDNEY SOUTH. 2000.

Dear Dr Veness,

I refer to your letter of 27th August, 1984, to my predecessor the Hon. T. W. Sheahan, B.A., LL.B., M.P., in which you reiterate your concern about a number of aspects of the Service's management of its affairs on the North Coast.

I have had the benefit of a detailed report from the Director of National Parks and Wildlife on the matters raised in your letter. After carefully considering your letter and the Director's report, I believe that there is little of value which I can add to Mr Sheahan's earlier reply.

Concerning the question of dialogue between the Service and the Association, you would be aware that the Director and Assistant Directors regularly meet with your Director and members of the Association. Mr Johnstone has told me he is anxious for this to continue. You will also be aware that I have decided to meet with voluntary conservation organisations on a regular basis. This matter may be one which your association would care to raise with me at our first meeting.

I accept that the Service's public image on the North Coast is not as good as the Director and I would wish it to be. However, the Service does respond to criticism where such a response is judged to be of value. In order to improve the Service's public image on the North Coast it has appointed a media relations officer to the Northern Regional Office under the Community Employment Programme. The Service is also currently organising a training programme designed to improve the skills of District Officers-in-Charge in dealing with the media and particularly in handling adverse public criticism. In addition, an information booklet covering coastal management issues is being prepared in an effort to counter inaccurate information.

The Association's attitude that the Service should not have consulted with the Coastal Access Committees is difficult to comprehend. In conducting its affairs, the Service is required to have dealings with many organisations which have varying attitudes towards conservation. I am advised that at all times the Service's dealings with these organisations, including the Coastal Access Committees, have been proper in terms of the National Parks and Wildlife Act and good public administration.

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I agree with you that the Service does have a special relationship with the National Parks Association and this relationship is already acknowledged in the Service's regular dealings with the Association, the Association's position on the Advisory Council and its representation on many advisory committees.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bob Carr". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

BOB CARR.

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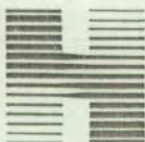
Australian Heritage  
Commission

Cusey House,  
Rhodes Place,  
Yarralumla,  
A.C.T. 2600  
Tel. (062) 72 3966

G.P.O. Box 1567,  
Canberra  
A.C.T. 2601

File No 3411

16 January 1985



*To protect the National Estate*

National Parks Association of  
NSW (State Council)  
399 Pitt Street  
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Sir/Madam

World Heritage Posters

Enclosed with this letter are 15 sets of posters of the  
5 Australian properties on the World Heritage List.

We would be pleased to supply you with additional sets of  
posters for distribution to the branches of your  
organisation if you would let us know how many are  
required.

Yours faithfully

*Terry Gillmore*

Terry Gillmore  
(Publications Officer)

25/1/85

*Memo: All Branches*

*Please reply direct to AHC if you  
require posters.*

*Gidells  
Director*



National Parks Association of N.S.W.  
CENTRAL REGION

GOV. CANB.



NEW SOUTH WALES  
MINISTER FOR PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

S Y D N E Y

15 JAN 1985

Mr. G. Wells,  
Director,  
National Parks Association of NSW,  
P.O. Box A.96,  
SYDNEY SOUTH 2000 00

Dear Mr. Wells,

I refer to your letter of 16 October, 1984 to my predecessor, requesting that a Regional Environmental Plan be prepared for the coastal area between the Richmond River and Corindi Beach.

As you may be aware, the question of future development of coastal villages within or near the boundaries of the national parks in this area is a matter which is being examined jointly by my administration and the Crown Lands Office. A main aim of this exercise is to find solutions to the sorts of problems to which you refer.

To date, examination of the issues involved has not proceeded sufficiently far for a final decision on action to be taken and there are a number of matters which need to be studied in greater detail. Preparation of a Regional Environmental Plan for this area is an option which is being considered.

Thank you for your interest in the subject, and for your views and suggestions as to the issues which should be addressed in any such plan. I would agree that the items which you have listed are probably the main areas which need to be accounted for, and I have referred your comments to the Department of Environment and Planning, which has the carriage of this exercise.

I will write to you again at an appropriate time when consideration of the matter is further advanced.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'Bob Carr'.

BOB CARR



# NORTHERN RIVERS COUNTY COUNCIL

FOR FURTHER ENQUIRIES

CONTACT

Mr. G.R. Aboody

WP

3rd January, 1985

ALH:F39 Pt. 58

CLEARING - LISMORE AREA.

HEAD OFFICE : 17 PRINCE STREET,

GRAFTON

PLEASE ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO

THE COUNTY CLERK

Box 5, P.O.

GRAFTON, N.S.W. 2460

TELEPHONE : GRAFTON 42 1844

TELEX AA66964

The Hon. Secretary,  
National Parks Association of N.S.W.,  
Far North Coast Branch,  
P.O. Box 44,  
SOUTH LISMORE. N.S.W. 2480

Dear Sir,

I refer to your letter dated 19th October, 1984, and advise that, following a detailed report from Council's Officers stationed in the Lismore area, the clearing was not unnecessarily severe and is considered to be reasonable in view of the location and the nature of the terrain in question.

Council has the responsibility of maintaining this line which was constructed in 1961 and the line has been kept cleared during this period with repetitive reclearing taking place each 2 to 3 years, depending on the regrowth cycle, and this reclearing work is undertaken using bulldozers or handclearing. The clearing work carried out is very similar each period and no changes are proposed, although Council would encourage any action by others if an attempt was made to perpetually grass the area. However, it should be noted when this Council attempted to do the same, the action was not successful. The type of regrowth involving lantana roots, tobacco plants and other regrowth of little significance cannot be removed other than by bulldozer action as Council is very hesitant of using chemicals in such a sensitive environment and, therefore, it would appear that the clearing as undertaken by Council is appropriate under all the circumstances involved.

The matter of contact between this Council and the National Parks and Wildlife Service has been the subject of separate correspondence and discussion and, where it is reasonable, contact will be made with the Service; however, circumstances are such that Council is required to take independent action because of the wet nature and the rapid regrowth that does occur in certain times of the year.

NATIONAL PARKS ASSOCIATION OF N.S.W.Date: 3.1.85

Council accepts the legitimacy of your interest in such activities and, accordingly, has investigated the possibility of undergrounding the existing power lines at your request and would advise a preliminary estimate would indicate a cost in the order of \$140,000. Should it be required that the power line be located underground, it would be necessary for a body other than the Northern Rivers County Council to meet the cost involved.

I trust the above information is of assistance to your Association.

Yours faithfully,

*J. Beattie*  
(J. BEATTIE)  
COUNTY CLERK.



# THREATENED SPECIES - CONSERVATION ALERT.

No: 11

Date: JANUARY/FEBRUARY 1985

For further information:

P.O. Box 371

Manly, 2095, NSW  
Australia.

Phone (02) 977 1912  
27 4714

Telex: 72577 FFASYD

## 1. MON REPOS - FINAL VICTORY?

The long-standing battle to avert a proposed residential development behind Mon Repos Turtle Rookery, near Bundaberg in Queensland, came to head in late January, when the developers, R.S. and D.F. Keys instructed that their application for re-zoning be withdrawn. It would appear that the strong case amassed by the conservationists played a major part in deterring the developer.

However, a legal representative for Keys said that his client now planned to subdivide into larger lots within the rural zone. A new application has now been placed before the Woongara Shire Council, and with the full backing of the Minister for Tourism and National Parks, Mr. McKechnie. While the new application by Keys offers 4.37 hectares to the Government for Environmental Park purposes, the development still poses unacceptable threats for the long term survival of the rookery. The Woongara Shire Council's use of discretionary power without full public participation cannot be permitted. Additionally, such a development contradicts the Town Planner's advice. The development must be stopped, and a development control plan instituted as soon as possible. Your URGENT action is required.

Lobby: Shire Clerk, Woongara Shire Council,  
9 Barolin Street, Bundaberg, Qld. 4670.

The Minister for Tourism, National Parks, Sport and  
The Arts,  
Hon. P. McKechnie, P.O. Box 155, North Quay, Qld. 4000.

## 2. RHEOBATRACHUS SILUS - NO FRIENDS IN QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT

The Platypus frog, unseen in the Conondale Ranges since 1979 has until April of this year to show itself, or the Forestry Department will allow the logging of their habitat. The area proposed to be logged is within the Queensland Forestry Department's own study area for the 'Interim Conondale Range Fauna Study Report', a report that acknowledges the fact that the gastric brooding frogs are the most significant of the rare species in the study area. The logging must not proceed.

Lobby: The Premier, The Hon. J. Bjelke Peterson,  
GPO Box 1443, Brisbane, Qld. 4001.

The Hon. W. Glasson, Minister for Lands and Forestry,  
PO Box 168, North Quay, Qld. 4001.

The Hon. P. McKechnie, Minister for National Parks,  
PO Box 155, North Quay, Qld. 4001.



### 3. GIANT CLAMS AND DUGONGS - UPDATE

Alert No. 8 urged the lobbying of the Federal Government to propose the listing of four species of Giant Clams on Appendix 11 of CITES and the Australia populations of Dugongs on Appendix 1. The proposal for the listing of Clams has been successful. However, there has been noted silence on the question of Dugongs.

Lobby: The Hon. B. Cohen, Minister for Arts,  
Heritage and Environment, asking for the  
Government's decision regarding listing of  
Dugongs.

### 4. WESTERN AUSTRALIA PLANT PROPOSALS FOR CITES

Alerts Nos. 1 and 3 reported on previous attempts by the W.A. Government, through the Commonwealth Government to remove a large number of Australian Plant Taxa from Appendix 11 of CITES. A new proposal, now submitted to the CITES Secretariat in Switzerland, seeks the removal of Anigozanthos spp., Macropidia fuliginosa, Banksia spp., Conospermum spp., Dryandra formosa, Dryandra polycephala, Xylomelum spp., Crowea spp., Geleznowia verrucosa, and Pimelea physodes from Appendix II. The proposal will be reviewed by the fifth meeting of CITES in Argentina in April/May. There is not enough information on past trade in these species; information on population status is insufficient and the internal trade controls through W.A. plant legislation are not proven to be adequate. The W.A. Government is obviously trying to free itself from unnecessary restrictions, while gearing up for an expanded industry. There are still some threatened plant species in the proposal, and it is prudent that these Australian plant species remain under the monitoring eye of CITES.

Lobby: The Hon. B. Cohen, Minister for Arts,  
Heritage and Environment.

### 5. EXPORT OF COMMON PARROTS - A DANGEROUS LOBBY

Both the R.S.P.C.A. in N.S.W. and the Queensland Minister for National Parks and Wildlife, Mr. McKechnie, have been in the press of late calling for the relaxation of federal export laws concerning Live Native Fauna. The R.S.P.C.A. in N.S.W. suggest that to allow an export trade in certain common species would help alleviate or perhaps even negate the need for farmers to kill thousands of parrots poisoned (illegally) and shot while allegedly damaging crops. Mr. McKechnie however, feels that such a trade would stop the illicit trade in bird smuggling. Both assertions are naive and dangerous, and fuelled only by aviculturalists, trappers and traders eager to benefit from legalised trade.

The folly in legalising an export trade for birds, and especially parrots has been argued many times by conservationists, and is reflected in current national and international laws.

Lobby: The Hon. B. Cohen, Minister for Arts,  
Heritage and Environment, C/- Parliament House,  
Canberra ACT 2600.

(Detailed arguments can be provided by the Fund for Animals)



## 6. ENDANGERED SPECIES HABITAT LEGISLATION - UPDATE

Further to the update report in Alert No. 10 CONCOM is now preparing a report, to be tabled in ~~May~~<sup>MARCH</sup>, on the legislative mechanisms available in each state to protect endangered species.

Lobby: Write to the Minister for the Environment in your state or territory, asking for a copy of the report when complete, or alternatively, for a copy of your state's input to the overall review.

Further to the item on the proposed treaty on endangered species habitat protection (Alert No. 9(2)) the general assembly of I.U.C.N. in Madrid agreed unanimously to proceed to draft a treaty by the end of 1985.

Lobby: The Hon. B. Cohen, Minister for Arts, Heritage and Environment, and the Hon. W. Hayden, Minister for Foreign Affairs, urging their respective departments direct involvement in preparation of the first draft.

## 7. DAINTREE

The Great 'Daintree Disaster' is already showing its affects on the surrounding environment. When the road went through, no provisions were made to control soil erosion. Then came the rain. The run-off from that rainfall contained many times more silt than normal. That silt has been deposited on fringing reefs in the area adjacent to Cape Tribulation. Dr. John Veron of the Australian Institute of Marine Science, an authority on Pacific Corals, considers that these unique reefs (part of the Great Barrier Reef) are being seriously threatened. The Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority finally decided to stand up and be counted in the controversy over the road through the rain forest. Mr. Graeme Kelleher, Chairman of the Authority, has decided to find out what affect if any the siltation has on these fringing reefs. This comes twelve months after the Federal Minister for the Environment, Mr. Cohen asked for a report on siltation. Conservationists still claim the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Act could be used to close the road.

Lobby: The Federal Minister for the Environment, Hon. Barry Cohen, C/- Parliament House, Canberra 2600 and to the Queensland Environment Minister, Mr. M. Tenni, GPO Box 1452, Brisbane 4001. Express your concern over the lack of erosion provisions, the serious threat to the fringing reefs and point out that it is of critical importance that the various government departments co-operate to investigate and rectify the situation before it is too late. Send your replies to this Alert.

## 8. CAIRNS MUDFLATS

The Queensland Government has granted a Cairns based company the right to apply for reclamation of a 60 hectare section of the Cairns mudflats for 4 tourist complex, subject to the results of their 12 month feasibility studies. Those



studies will include an Environmental Impact Study, but no assurance has been given that there will be public input invited to the E.I.S.

Cairns mudflats are the most important area in North Eastern Queensland for wading birds and are critical to the survival of a substantial proportion of waders in that part of Australia. Twenty three species are subject to the conditions of the Japan Australia Migratory Bird Agreement.

Lobby: The Queensland Minister for Environment,  
Mr. M. Tenni, GPO Box 1452, Brisbane 4001  
and the Queensland Minister for Water Resources  
and Maritime Services, Hon. J. Coleby,  
GPO Box 2195, Brisbane 4001.  
Emphasize the importance of the Cairns mudflats  
and the importance of a full and public Environmental  
Impact Study.

Mr. J. Dowson, Managing Director of McKellar  
Development Corporation, Aquarius Building,  
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opposition to the project.

#### 9. SECOND WILDLIFE PROTECTION ACT PROSECUTION

A 32-year old Dutchman, Johnny Rinaldo Noordman, was apprehended at Tullamarine Airport, Melbourne, on 16th January 1985 and charged with attempting to smuggle live Australian reptiles. The following species were allegedly found by Customs Officers in Noordman's luggage:

- 1 Cacophis squamulosus (Golden-crowned snake)
- 4 Tiliqua scincoides (Eastern blue-tongued lizard)
- 1 T. nigrolutea (blotched blue-tongued lizard)
- 4 Pseudechis porphyriacus (red-bellied black snake)
- 4 Liasis childreni (Children's python)
- 4 Morelia s. spilota (Diamond python)

Noordman who is a member of the Dutch Snake Society had acquired the reptiles whilst on holiday in Queensland and New South Wales. He was initially refused bail but later it was granted for \$2000 plus \$1000 surety. The committal hearing was held on 11th February 1985 when Noordman was committed for trial but no date was set. This is the second prosecution to take place under the Wildlife Protection (Regulation of Export and Imports) Act 1982. The Act provides stiff penalties for offenders, however in the only previous prosecution under the Act (see Alert No. 8 - Frye & Spurgeon case), one defendant failed to appear before the court whilst the other was let off on a two year good behaviour bond.