

National Parks Tourism Legislation

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Dear Premier Keneally and Minister Sartor

I have just returned from Queensland to find that you and your Government are about to weaken the protection of our national parks with legislation to permit development within our national parks and subject them to the death of a thousand cuts. This legislation will be equivalent to the notorious Section 3A of the Environment Planning and Assessment Act, commercialising our parks and negating community opposition and appeals.

As a former Executive Officer of the National Parks Association of NSW I well know the temptations to Government of such development but have to say to you STOP - WRONG WAY - GO BACK.

As you may know I convene the campaign group ChipBusters, a member of the South East Region Conservation Alliance. We are already raising awareness of the ALP Government's critical broken promise to stop woodchipping in NSW by the year 2000 and that the Government is now considering approval of a woodchip fired power station at Eden. We have raised over 2000 submissions to your Government opposing the Eden station but cannot even get a response from the Premier's office to our request to present the letters to you, Premier.

Our current network combined with regional south east nsw conservation groups is more than 6,000 people and is growing rapidly. Your Government can be assured that it is on the verge of losing its traditional conservation support base with the very likely consequent loss of ADDITIONAL seats at the next election.

We will be making sure that all our networks are well aware that the ALP is rapidly abandoning its commitment to the environment and critical conservation issues. The traditional argument that the 'other side is worse' is sounding weaker and weaker to the conservation minded voter, who will be most concerned at the inevitable degradation of our national parks and wilderness areas by this legislation.

Please dump the proposed legislation, a developer delight, immediately.

Yours sincerely,

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