

Letter 3 - Revisit the southern wilderness decision

Points for your letter:

The assessment of southern wilderness areas was badly flawed and should be revisited.

Wilderness areas of the first rank, including the Deua Valley and Deua River headwaters west of Moruya, the western flank of the Shoalhaven Gorge, Mongarlowe River headwaters west of Batemans Bay (an addition to the Buckenbowra Wilderness), Brindabella Wilderness west of Canberra, Tabletop Wilderness and the Main Range extension to the Jagungal Wilderness in Kosciuszko National Park should be fully protected under the *Wilderness Act*.

Please advise what steps will you take to consider the long-standing wilderness proposals of the NSW environment groups?

National parks should have a large core area of unmodified land that is managed as wilderness for all time. To develop core areas with vehicle and horse riding access fragments these areas and leads to environmental decline in direct proportion to the development of access and recreational facilities provided. The loss of native species from Royal National Park due to development and roading should not be repeated for the Far South Coast Escarpment Parks, which is one of the best parks in the State.