

**ADDITIONAL POINTS RELATING TO
INQUIRY INTO AUSTRALIA'S NATIONAL PARKS, CONSERVATION
RESERVES AND
MARINE PROTECTED AREAS"
PERTH WA HEARING TO BE TABLED.**

- Social i.e. (community needs) and economic consideration must be considered when creating conservation areas i.e. terrestrial or marine.

- In relation to land acquired for CARS under the GMS there is little data available with regards to biodiversity areas, percentage of such areas, soil types etc. Comprehensive on ground surveys are limited and it is highly questionable as to the values and reasons suggested by CALM for purchasing such land for CARS.

- Compensation must be paid to landholders whose properties are deemed in the public interest to be of high conservation value.

- Why has CALM funded a full-time ACF position and not an industry position as well to have a balanced view on environmental matters?

- Is carbon credit trading/carbon sequestration playing a role in setting so much land aside for reserves etc.

- WA is a vast State. U.C.L. should be utilised for reserve systems before any more productive pastoral land becomes part of CARS.

- Examples to consider for future reference in relation to conservation and meeting Community needs are :

1. Gladstone Green Zone (ABC Qld Stateline) Social consequences cost \$200 million plus
 2. Peter Andrews (ABC Australian Story) how an individual proved the 'experts' wrong.
 3. Four Corners ABC , 21 August 2006 re Ningaloo and Shark Bay etc.
 4. Malaysian Department of Agriculture using cattle to reduce fire hazard and add nutrients to soil in plantations (ABC Landline)
 5. CSIRO research into grazing plants – use it or lose it.
 6. Orange Belly Parrot case – VICTORIA
 7. Diggers and Dealers Conference, Kalgoorlie WA – undue impediments in relation to environmental issues etc.
 8. ABC Radio 27th August 2006. Federal Environment Minister Campbell re. Denmark WA windfarm quote WA Minister for Environment says 'sometimes Government has to roll community'.
- Local Governments are impeded by unworkable regulation and disregard by conservation agencies eg.
 1. Sourcing road base material
 2. Clearing refuse sites

3. No rates for Conservation Parks. If Conservation infrastructure is insurable it should be rateable
4. Don't have to comply with building codes/permits etc.

Environmental Agencies should NOT be above Local Government in community governance!.

- The Public must be informed of all Federal Agreements regarding Conservation, WHO are signatories to such and what tangible benefits are derived from such eg. RAMSAR/IUCN I-IV/CARS/World Heritage etc.

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