

The Secretary  
Senate Inquiry into National parks  
and Marine parks.

Ningaloo Station.  
Carnarvon. W.A.  
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Dear Senator Judith Adams,

I respectfully seek your Senate inquires leave to appear to convey to them the manner in which the Western Australian Labor Government through the Department of Conservation and Land Management [CALM] is attempting to acquire in excess of 22,200 hectares [48%] of Ningaloo Station for the fraudulent purposes of "Ningaloo marine park"

Ningaloo Station has been a pastoral lease since 1889 and has been in the Lefroy family from 1930. The lease has an area of 49,731 hectares and is a coastal tract of land between the Defence land in the North and Cardibia station in the South.

Western Australians "Land administration act", section 143, outlines the method of acquiring lease land for "Public purposes" by means of negotiation with the pastoral lessee.

The method used by CALM to "negotiate" was prior to our first meeting with them we were advised the land required by them was not negotiable and if we didn't sign their surrender document we would loose all of the station.

Many methods, such as offering us an opportunity to develop minor tourist nodes or possible employment, were adopted to coherse us into signing the said document and to surrender our lease in 2006.

The terminology "Fraudulent, used by me to describe the compulsory acquisition of the 49,000 hectare pastoral lease for the "Ningaloo marine park" purposes is not used lightly, especially as the W.A Governments document "Ningaloo coast regional strategy: Carnarvon to Exmouth" describes in detail the FIVE tourist nodes planed for Ningaloo Station. One of these tourist nodes has a 500-bed capacity with fuel outlet, shop, Caravan Park etc within the Ningaloo Homestead curtlage. The remaining four Tourist nodes comprise of "Eco lodges", and caravan parks of up to 200 beds each. No mention of "Conservation" was made in this document.

I wish to address the Senate inquiry about the "Method" used and the process of "Negotiation" used by CALM to acquire land for the Ningaloo Marine Park.

Yours truly,

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[obo Mrs. B. Lefroy]