

**Letter to: The Hon Frank Sartor, MP, Minister for Climate Change and Water
10th June 2010**

Dear Mr Sartor,

I am writing to express my concern that the National Parks and Wildlife Amendment (Visitors and Tourists) Bill, 2010, which you introduced into Parliament last Thursday, is a disastrous attempt by your government to give developers access to our National Parks.

Please respond to my following questions:

1. Why do you want to allow developers to build hotels, restaurants and other tourist facilities in our National Parks, when people go to these places to see native animals and enjoy nature in an unspoilt, quiet setting? There are already many tourists towns located near National Parks that have those amenities.
2. Why would you want to interfere with the businesses located in small towns and localities near these National Parks that depend on the tourism dollar?
3. Why do you think removing the prohibition on exclusive private use of National Parks is a good thing for the general populace of New South Wales, considering that the publically owned land will be used by private developers?
4. If we do live in a democracy, why does the NSW government continually ignore the fact that the huge majority of New South Welshmen oppose the Part3A planning laws and other land grab initiatives? Sure, developers love it, but even though they can make large financial donations, you'll find that they have only a limited number of votes. (Mr O'Farrell, here is your chance to distance yourself from such legislation.) Please remember, that the Greens are making big strides in the polls. People are watching.
5. Why doesn't the NSW Labor Government learn from its mistakes? The revolving door of ministers has turned your government into a joke. Maybe, it would be a good idea if, for a change, you start listening to the people who elected you. Who knows? It just may pay off. It's worth a go.

Please respond to this letter. I would prefer that I don't receive a letter saying that my concerns have been referred to 'the appropriate department' and that I receive an honest address to my concerns. I live in hope.

Yours truly,

Lois Katz