

Discussion notes only

- Our Submission remains solely focussed on rights of access whilst avoiding interference with station work and infrastructure.
- Our main interest is bush walking in the ranges and also using waterholes in major river systems for canoeing.
- We note the statement that access by groups such as ours is of no benefit to pastoralists –
  - In the past we have occasioned on a stockyard with dead and dying cattle due to jammed entrance gate
  - We have repaired a fence that was damaged by major limb that fell on it
  - Removed fallen trees from tracks
- We maintain that we could be of ancillary benefit
- We now carry GPS and Satellite phones so could immediately and accurately pinpoint and communicate any problems found. We do not carry firearms!! Club members with 4wd vehicles are competent in their use and have the equipment to cover most possible eventualities.
- Liability –we have our own club public liability cover (what does it cover, extension if required?)
- We reiterate that we dispose of human waste correctly and remove any other rubbish
- Our main concern remains the access to bushwalking in remote areas. To facilitate this and also of benefit to 4wd clubs, bush naturalists, ornithologist clubs and others we offer the following suggestions:
  1. Establishment of web site list of stations and names of contacts, preferred hours of use etc.
  2. permit system of entry administrated through central web site
  3. email address to stations where we can submit plans of intended route (note – we would be able to check property such as windmills, bores, fences in passing and report to station owners
  4. code of access that clubs are signatory to.

We, as a club wish to create a trusting relationship that enables us to explore more of this great land without a perception of threat or cost, and with much mutual benefit.

We note a 10 year 'assessment' program. This seems excessive and a stalling tactic. We would be pleased to attend a discussion group.

NB. As locals we seek to camp in areas away from the tourist routes (lease holders co-operation is appreciated) and we typically visit an area no more than twice a year keeping impact to a minimum

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I/We Central Australian Bushwalking Club hereby give consent for my submission, with the exception of personal information to be made public. I acknowledge that this will include but not be restricted to the following:

- My submission will be made available to the Steering Committee for the review of the *Pastoral Land Act*; and
- A copy of my submission will be made available to the public via the Review web page.

Mal Coakley (pres)  
SIGNED

28/1/05  
DATE

Please attach this form to your submission. Should you have any queries please contact Scott Wauchope (Director, Pastoral Land Management Branch, Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Environment) on telephone 8973 8101.