

Bushwalking NSW

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You are invited to the Bushwalking NSW
May General Meeting Keynote Presentation

Commercial Development in National Parks

Presented by Dr Christopher Birch S.C.

On Tuesday 17th May, 2022 – [Registration essential](#)

We are concerned that commercial enterprises are gaining access to build private lodges in our National Parks. These developments may displace traditional camping options, but more importantly, they destroy the character of wilderness which our National Parks have been established to preserve. As Bob Brown says: "a wilderness lodge is a non-sequitur".

Are these developments legal? What framework allows these developments to occur?

What are the implications of the recent amendments to the NPW Act that appear to give the Minister power to approve developments in national park estate that are not consistent with a plan of management?

Does this mean that the community will have no opportunity to comment on proposed developments or even know about them in advance?

Join us to explore these questions.

Dr Christopher Birch S.C. is a barrister and senior counsel who has been in practice at the Sydney Bar for 39 years. He has appeared in a wide variety of legal matters at both the trial and appellate levels, and has a special interest in the review by Courts of governmental action.



He is also an Adjunct Professor at the University of Sydney where he lectures in legal philosophy.

Christopher is a keen bushwalker, and cross-country skier, and an active member of Sydney Bush Walkers and the Nordic Ski Club of New South Wales.



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AGENDA

BUSHWALKING NSW GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 17 May, 2022

To be held at via Zoom – click here to [Register your place](#)
Official proceedings to commence at 7:30pm

- 7:00 Meet and greet
- 7:30 Welcome and introduction – Vice-President (David Bell)
- 7:33 Acceptance of Minutes of General Meeting of 15th May 2021
- 7:35 Keynote speaker: Dr Christopher Birch on:**

Commercial Development in National Parks

- 8:35 Update from Bushwalking NSW
- 8:45 Update from clubs
- 9pm Close and give-aways

How to Register & Join the meeting:



Please register in advance for this meeting by clicking on this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZUof-6urj4iE9Gv8U7JPibBky-EG7eJXLbV>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

You can then click on the **Add to calendar** to save the meeting details to your calendar so you can easily start the Zoom meeting with 1 click ☺

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We also look forward to seeing you at the following Bushwalking NSW General Meetings:

7pm Tuesday, 16th August, 2022 – AGM

7pm Tuesday, 15th November, 2022

7pm Tuesday, 21st February, 2023

7pm Tuesday, 16th May, 2023