

NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service  
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Dear Mr Ingram

I have been provided with a copy of your letter dated 30 September 2003 in which you seek clarification on the tenure and management responsibilities for the lands on the foreshore of Pittwater.

Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park includes the Lambert Peninsula or West Head. The majority of this area is gazetted as national park to the former mean high water mark (MHWM). As you correctly point out, south of Refuge Bay the park includes the bed of Cowan Creek.

On the eastern foreshores of Pittwater a small number of freehold and other tenures occur. Up until recently the park at Coasters Retreat and The Basin was only gazetted to MHWM, however in December 2002 the park boundary was extended from high water to the low water mark. This addition only covers the beach area of The Basin. Prior to this the intertidal zone (ITZ) was crown land in the care, control and management of Pittwater Council.

As The Basin is a most attractive and intensely used area, it was decided to add 'the beach area' to the park so that the whole area could be managed as one unit. The Service has extended day use fees to those who actively use the beach area and our survey work shows that most regular boating users are in favour of making a contribution to the maintenance and upkeep of The Basin. For example the Service recently spent over \$40,000 in works to stabilise the beach and prevent further erosion.

I trust my comments assist you in your inquiry.

Yours sincerely

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