

Submission
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**INQUIRY INTO MANAGEMENT OF PUBLIC LAND IN
NEW SOUTH WALES**

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To the Committee

I would like to provide a submission to the NSW Public Land Management Inquiry specifically with respect to recreational access.

The main issues as I see them are:

1. Reduction in areas available to off road users concentrates impacts and causes exponential damage.
2. There are key issues that create the situations/scenarios that lead to trail damage as follows:
 - Lack of user education
 - Lack of input by land managers
 - Lack of planning of recreational land use
 - Lack of facilities and government spend on public lands

The answers, or my proposed answers:

1. Commitment by Government to managing these areas not locking people out and pretending that this will result in environmental protection when there is no weed or feral management and facilities are not in place for bushfire management.
2. Use planning that is flexible with tracks/areas rested and where possible users segregated by time or distance.
3. Education of users to help protect the Public Land assets and provide a framework to allow policing of use.
4. Recreational users to pay for use to allow funding of education, facilities, policing, maintenance and planning (much like the successful Recreational Fishing Licence Scheme).
5. Engagement with the users associations to gain knowledge and assistance with track maintenance, management and planning. Many organisations are keen to help, my connection with off-road motorcycle clubs and organisations supports this.

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