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

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I regularly take part in recreational use of national parks and state forest on my motorcycle

if we had recreation registration such as Victoria does, the funds could be put straight back into our forests to improve, control noxious weeds and introduced pests, bush regeneration programs and to maintain and police offroad trails and solely for recreational purposes.

At the moment we pay full road registration for vehicles that DO NOT see pavement or Public roads apart from on a trailer

Our offroad money is ploughed straight into ROAD use. A dead end for our sport and the forests!!!!

<http://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/Home/Registration/WhatHasToBeRegistered/OtherVehiclesVesselsAndRegistrationIssues/RecreationalMotorcycleRegistration.htm>

I have utilised this states forests for recreations, I have noticed a staggering amount of land area and existing trails be closed to public use. This, I feel, is limiting my ability to legally recreate in the way I wish to and encouraging me to ride wherever i like as it is all illegal anyhow if this closure goes ahead

Of course, various 'green' groups and government bodies claim that 4WD vehicles and offroad motorcycles are seriously damaging the natural environment and I believe this is the main reason behind the closure of land area and tracks. These groups have convinced the NSW government to side with a minority who generally have power and influence where it matters with politics (I refer to those who wish all forests to be exclusion zones or bushwalking only i.e a minority of users) and not allow the majority to responsibly recreate on our own public land.

You as the government need to NOT lock us out of our own land.

We are not retirement age and enjoy bushwalking. That era is nearly over, then nobody will access these great parts of our state.

Thanks.

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