

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

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As a regular user of public land within the Wattagan Nation Forest I have great concerns over plans to lock recreational motorcyclist (and 4wd enthusiasts) out.

Undoubtedly, in every group or cross section of the population there are a small number who do the wrong thing which is reflected poorly on the law-abiding majority, but why should the majority be punished for the actions of a few.

In my trips through the various sections of the Wattagans I have noticed that numerous "Fire Roads" are heavily overgrown and would be lost if it were not for recreational motor bike riders using them.

As far as environmental damage goes, erosion caused by motorcyclist is minimal compared to 4wd and also far less than that caused by logging activities. A ban on logging in national parks would do far more to limit environmental damage than locking out recreational users.

Australia's national parks are a right to all Australians not just the few and I would urge you to let the current access rules remain.

Sincerely
Jeffrey Smith