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## Introduction

I have been involved with motorcycles for nearly 40 years and enjoy the opportunity to ride off road. However due to my motorcycle being unregistered I am limited as to where I can legally ride with state forest & national parks being off limits.

There is a simple solution to this problem that would allow myself and hundreds of other recreational riders the legal ability to have access to this public land.

I would ask that the committee consider expanding the current recreational registration (conditional registration) scheme that allows unlicensed riders using unregistered motorcycles, trikes and quads access to a small portion of Stockton beach to include state forest & national parks in NSW for recreational riding.

## Background

The current recreational registration (conditional registration) scheme allows unlicensed riders using unregistered motorcycles, trikes and quads access to a small portion of Stockton beach near Newcastle.

This conditional registration allows a vehicle that does not meet ADR compliance to be recreationally used on Stockton beach while being covered for compulsory third party insurance. See the RTA website for details.

[http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au/registration/downloads/vehiclesheet/recreation\\_vehicle.pdf](http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au/registration/downloads/vehiclesheet/recreation_vehicle.pdf)

There is a lack of legal places available for recreational riders in NSW and despite the risk heavy fines, confiscation of their vehicles and if they are involved in an accident they are not covered should they injure someone, continue to ride unlicensed, unregistered and uninsured in state forest & national parks, because of this lack of legal options available to them.

There are a number of reasons for people taking the chance of not getting caught illegally riding on public land:

- ❖ The vehicle is not ADR compliant
- ❖ The cost of registration is prohibitive for vehicle with limited use
- ❖ The rider is not old enough to hold a licence
- ❖ The rider has no licence
- ❖ The rider has no access to privately owned property
- ❖ The cost of paid riding is prohibitive
- ❖ The riding is infrequent
- ❖ The distance to travel for legal riding is too great

## Proposal

That the current recreational registration (conditional registration) scheme is expanded to allow riders of unregistered motorcycles, trikes and quads access to state forest & national parks in NSW. (A modified version of the successful Victorian model).

The approach to using public land for recreational riding should be proactive not reactive, instead of wasting police resources on enforcing compliance, riders should be encouraged and given the opportunity to legally use public land in the pursuit of their chosen recreational activity.

I believe that by extending the current scheme most recreational riders would be more than happy to participate and comply. Everyone that I have spoken to would willingly jump at the opportunity for legal access to the many thousands of hectares of public land to ride on.

Sincerely