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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 by means of walking, and a road registered off motorcycle

For over 20 years I have utilised this states forests for recreations, I have noticed an 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.

Many 'green' groups and government bodies claim that motorcycles are seriously damaging the natural environment.

I do agree that trails used by 4WD cars do suffer from erosion and damage, but Motorcycles create far less erosion than 4WD's. Inexperienced "red neck" 4WDers in large heavy 4WD's abusing tracks during adverse conditions cause changes to natural waterflows, and increases track and road maintenance diverting revenues that should be used on "real" conservation activities

i believe this is the key driver as to why all vehicles are being locked out

Could these targeted areas perhaps be "gated" to allow only motorcycle and bicycle access?

Maybe some sort of awareness course and yearly access permit would also assist with education, revenue to offset track maintenance and identification of offenders to tracks by irresponsible activities?

please.. education & regulation.. but not legislation to convert all lands to Nat Park status

Thanks

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