

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

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To the Committee,

I wish to make a submission regarding the use of Public lands for recreation.

I am a keen out door recreationalist who partakes in many activities including bushwalking, mountain bike riding, and four wheel driving. Having also come from an environmental science and conservation background, I am sensitive to the convictions of both recreationalists and conservationists when considering public use of National Parks, State Forests, SCA's etc.

My brief submission is to advocate sustainable plans of use to keep all users happy, rather than the current management which seems to be to prevent access to large areas of public land for motorised vehicle activities. I understand there are environmental, accountability and cost reasons for this, however I suggest that more inclusive solutions would be mutually beneficial. Plans such as controlled access for 4WD clubs in return for maintenance work and dedicated pay per use 4wd areas, as well as conservation areas should be considered.

The 4WD community in NSW is, in the vast majority, a conscientious and sensible group that would be an asset to the NSW government.

While there may be a small majority that act irresponsibly, this can be said for any community group. We condemn the irresponsible use of public lands by these people, however exclusivity of these lands I believe is not a socially or environmentally sustainable solution.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kind Regards

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