

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

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Submission - Management of public land in New South Wales (Inquiry)

I am writing a submission to the General Purpose Standing Committee No. 5. to demonstrate in my opinion how the management of public land can be made more equitable and more sustainable for the residents of NSW.

Firstly I would like to reveal that I am an avid trail bike rider and believe that I take part in a safe, sustainable and legitimate sport that should be taken more seriously in terms of ensuring that we retain the necessary rights to keep this sport alive for many years to come.

I think the best way to analyse the management of public land in NSW is by way of completing a quadruple bottom line (QBL) assessment of the various pros and cons of activities that take place in public land management within NSW. A QBL assessment analyses the economic, environmental, social and governance positive and negative issues surrounding each activity. By doing this you are examining all aspects of how sustainable the activity is and what the likely risk could be across the four key areas.

In terms of the analyses of environmental risk, I understand that our sport could potentially pose a serious environmental risk if not managed properly. I believe this needs to be the responsibility of both the riding community and the government to work collaboratively to ensure all risks (not just environmental) are addressed.

Funding has always been a barrier to public land managers (eg. State Forests) in ensuring their land is maintained properly and the land users educated, could it be a consideration that these identified Government Departments (and or corporations) receive additional resources to assist them to work the riding community to make our sport safer and reduce environmental degradation. I have not analysed the statistics in terms of how many registered motorcycles ONLY utilised off road only, this may develop a case to transfer necessary funding from the Roads and Maritime Services Authority to assist with the maintenance of these areas.

Unfortunately to date, the trail bike riding community has received a negative image due to the minority of riders that have no respect for the law, environment and other public land users. For our sport to be sustainable I believe that we as responsible riders (includes riding a registered and insured motorcycle and licensed) need to ensure we promote the safe and responsible use of public land in NSW.

I believe that this should be a positive dialogue between public land management and relevant land users, I am willing to provide anymore additional information at your request to assist our sport becoming more sustainable.

Thank you for taking the time to read my submission I look forward to the outcomes

Regards