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

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I occasionally take part in recreational use of national parks and state forest by means of an off road motorcycle.

I do this carefully and considerately having due regard for other users and the natural fauna and flora.

Over the 12 years I have utilised this states forests for recreations, I have noticed a staggering 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.

Of course, various 'green' groups and government bodies claim that 4WD vehicles and offroad motorcycles are seriously damaging the natural environment and I believe this is the main reason behind the closure of land area and tracks. These groups have convinced the NSW government to side with a minority (I refer to those who wish all forests to be exclusion zones or bushwalking only) and not allow the majority to responsibly recreate on our own public land.

What is even worse, is the fact that the reasons cited for why 4WD and offroad motorcycles are damaging the environment (mainly noise pollution and erosion) are severely over-exaggerated.

Noise pollution would be a problem in small forests on the edge of cities and towns. However, the vast majority of users like myself are well out of hearing range when recreating. A better result would be achieved by limiting noise output by motorobikes as many bikers I admit use inappropriately exhausts.

Also I would like dogs on leads to be allowed into national parks? It is an infringement of civil libert not to allow the population to enjoy its own parks and ridiculous that a leashed do will cause any problem.

You are the government, you are not the landowner, you merely hold it in trust for us. There are millions of acres of land and few of us. Let us enjoy it please.

Thanks

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