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INQUIRY INTO MANAGEMENT OF PUBLIC LAND IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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I regularly take part in recreational off road motorcycling in the national parks and state forests. Over the many years I have been accessing the parks, I have noticed more and more land being closed off for public access. There doesn't seem to be much reason for this. The difficulty is that as more and more of this land is locked up, it is more difficult to find land that we can legally use and you also have more people using less land. This land is far enough out of the main towns/cities that it is only used by recreational 4wds and motorcycles so it is not like they are coming up on walkers or bicycle riders.

The erosion issues cited for the closures are not significant against the volume of bushland that is untouched. It doesn't make sense to ban all activities that cause any damage as there is already so much protected land. We should all be able to enjoy it.

Please don't lock us out of our own land.

Rathally