

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

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Inquiry into Management of Public Land Committee Submission

Dear Committee members, I have given careful consideration to this subject, as a Rural Property Landowner myself (located near Roseburg/Pennsylvania State Forests near Woodstock NSW), an off road Trail Bike Rider and concerned member of the public.

Firstly I would like to state the majority of people in the trail bike riding community are responsible, environmentally considerate and take care in the pristine environments that are provided within the State Forests of NSW. This access provides an essential recreational access for friends and family to connect with the community and the environment. To restrict or ban the availability for these recreational activities from these public areas would greatly impact upon not only mature riders, younger riders (enjoying good wholesome fun) but all other users of these areas.

The current policy of State forests to allow Game Shooters, although registered in numbers to enter these areas with no restriction whilst campers, bushwalkers, Bike Riders, 4wd drivers and picnicking families unknowingly occupy the same areas is ridiculous. I have been extremely close to the release of gunshots and rounds whilst riding in these areas. It is only a matter of time until someone will be injured or killed through an accident occurring. It amazes me that particular areas of State Forest are not allocated for shooting only to enable safe use of the areas by all tax payers. I will be applying for a shooters licence myself in the near future and therefore understand the nature of this issue however my use will be to control vermin/feral animals on my property.

I would hope an appropriate assessment of the use of these areas is undertaken, for the sake of the generations to come and those who enjoy the beauty and activities State Forests can and do provide.

Yours sincerely
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