

**Submission
No 195**

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

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I would like to object to limiting access to public lands to recreational vehicles. As a off road bike rider i feel this limits the avaiable space that can be enjoyed by public while taking part in a positive activity. Majority of dirt bike riders stick to already marked out trails therefore causing virtually no further damage to the forest. Most bike riders are in fact very protective of our state forests as it is a place where we spend out leisure time. Many areas in the wattagans state forest that had popular dirt bike trails have in recent months undergone extensive logging operations which result in much higher level of damage to the forest than through any of the dirt bike use. We already have the most sensitive parts of our land marked as national parks that do not allow off road vehicles. I strongly believe that limiting space in state forests any further is not warranted especially when you consider the extensive logging operations in areas that are proposed to be banned to offroad vehicles. i ride with a wide variety of riders and we all take care not to disturb the public around camp sites as well as conduct ourselves in a safe and responsible manner to limit any detrimental impact to the environment while enjoying our sport.

Regards
Adam Sapula