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

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I ride a trailbike and mostly ride in State Forests. I enjoy getting about in the bush, seeing the views, and different flora and fauna. It's also good exercise and at 50 it's good to try to maintain good physical health. It also brings like minded people together from many a varied background and this helps in ways not always obvious (similar to the men's sheds popping up but not exclusive to men or older people).

Some of the negatives we hear are soil erosion, which in the case of trailbikes on basically disused tracks is small and could be managed with minimal input, there have been some attempts I've seen over the years to minimize erosion mostly on hills, some work better than others. Some further investigation could come up with some good solutions. Simply closing tracks doesn't repair damaged tracks nor does it help riders who simply go looking for others.

Noise can be abated with well maintained exhaust systems.

I often come across other users of the bush in which I ride. I always slow down when passing. This minimizes dust and noise, makes it safer for people on horses (that can get a bit scared) and I often stop for a chat.

My overall experiences in the bush have been positive. It is disheartening to see gates going up in areas that I've been riding in for many years and wonder what the benefit of closing off public land is for the public.

I'm happy for the general public to voice opinions on what should happen to public lands however if they don't use the public lands themselves then their opinions should be weighted less to those that do, as any changes have no or minimal impact on them but major impact on those that do use the public lands regularly.

You will also find that many organized clubs that use public lands would be more than happy to help with on the ground solutions to problems that have arisen from the use of public land. You've only got to ask. I'd be happy to offer thoughts on measures to minimize soil erosion caused by trailbikes.