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CMC Review of Motorbike Noise Laws
Attention: Nadine Seifert
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Dear Ms Seifert

Thank you for providing Brisbane City Council (BCC) with the opportunity to comment on the review of the laws concerning off-road motorbike noise. Our comments have been summarised below in response to the following four questions in your letter.

1. Whether the laws have helped reduce or resolve problems of excessive noise?

BCC believes the laws have helped, but they are only effectively enforced when the Queensland Police Service (QPS) is resourced adequately. Our experience is that many complaints relating to off-road motorbike noise are directed towards BCC when the complainant is unsatisfied with the level of response received by the QPS. BCC officers do not have the same powers as the QPS to address noisy off-road motorbikes, particularly when minors are involved. BCC and the community therefore rely upon the QPS to respond to and resolve complaints. We request greater resources be allocated to the QPS to allow it to effectively implement the laws.

2. If improvements can be made to the way complaints are handled?

Complaint handling could be improved if QPS worked more collaboratively with BCC during investigations. BCC would also like to see more proactive complaint prevention programs implemented by QPS in collaboration with BCC.

3. Whether the laws have affected riders enjoying their sport?

The feedback BCC has received is that the laws have affected riders, particularly as there are a limited number of approved sites in Brisbane for motorbike riders.



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4. How off road motorbike issues are managed in local communities?

Local communities appear to struggle to manage the issues with off-road motorbikes. As stated previously, there are limited approved places for the riders to use. This results in off-road motorbikes being used in BCC's parks and reserves, which has negative environmental and community use consequences.

If you have any questions regarding the above issues please contact Alex Marchuk, Policy Officer Pollution Prevention (Noise Management) on 3403 4710.

Yours sincerely,

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