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CMC
Attention: Nadine Seifert
GPO Box 3123
Brisbane QLD 4001

Dear Ms Seifert

RE: CMC Review of Motorbike Noise Laws

Forestry Plantations Queensland (FPQ) manages some 200,000 ha of timber plantation on behalf of the Queensland Government, with a significant proportion of this plantation located in close proximity to the rapid developing areas of South East Queensland. While motor bike noise does not directly affect tree growth and the productivity of our plantation forests, unauthorised use of FPQ's roads and tracks by trail bikes does have an adverse impact on our staff, customers and neighbours, and our commercial infra-structure. This impacts on our commercial business not only through additional costs associated with infra-structure restoration, but also in our management of customer and neighbour relationships adversely impacted by unauthorised activities.

FPQ, in conjunction with the Queensland Police Service (QPS), recently trialled a commercial approach to this stakeholder issue aimed at leveraging our limited commercial resources in an effort to reduce illegal activities in the plantations. While the police did have some level of success, it was evident that the current laws did not provide police with sufficient powers to effectively manage off road motor bike noise and associated issues. FPQ is therefore supportive of the CMC review process and looks forward to any developments that would provide the QPS with more effective enforcement tools for the management of off road motor bike noise and use.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Jim Dickens on (07)3895 3369 or 0428 105 384

Yours sincerely

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