

Submission 352



Office of the Leader of the Opposition

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CMC REVIEW OF MOTORBIKE NOISE LAWS

Attention: Nadine Seifert

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Dear Ms Seifert,

Re: Submission on review of motorbike noise laws.

I am writing on behalf of a group of Caloundra residents concerned about the level of off-road motorbike noise in our area and associated concerns legislating the ability to ride the vehicles.

Our concerns are categorised as follows;

- a) The legal remedies available for breach of the legislation. These remedies should include confiscation, on the spot fines, perhaps trespass.
- b) Why such riders are not required to be licensed.
- c) The ability of peak law enforcement agencies to provide resources and manpower to deal with issues surrounding the use of off-road motorbikes.
- d) The fact that such bikes are not required to be registered.
- e) The question of whether parents should be held responsible for actions of their children.
- f) The ever concerning issues of police resourcing being poor.
- g) Noise issues in relation to the riding of such motorbikes.
- h) Damage to the environment and property.
- i) Loss of amenity of life of the people surrounding the area used to ride such motorbikes.
- j) Whether or not there should be a minimum age for riders.
- k) The provision of specified riding areas.
- l) The question of insurance and liability issues particularly given the bikes are not registered and some riders are exceptionally young.
- m) The fact that simply having a rider state that they are not aware they were riding on public property virtually rules out any challenge of a successful prosecution.

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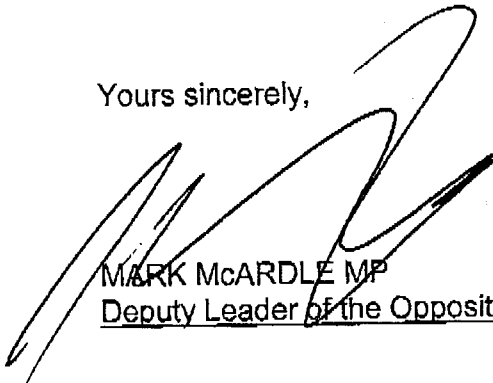
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We do want to make it very clear that it is not an attempt to stifle the enjoyment of bike riders rather it is a necessity to balance the concerns of a number of citizens in the Caloundra region with the enthusiasm of youth.

Undoubtedly the provision of set areas would go some way to alleviate the concerns raised herein. It would not however eliminate all concerns as there will always be an element that will want to ride in public or private bushland.

We feel the above issues are the tip of the iceberg in relation to addressing some of the concerns.

Yours sincerely,



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