

Individual Submission 305

To: Nadine Seifert
Date: 13/08/2008
Subject: bike laws

Hi i live ta XXXX Parkinson, and we have a lot of trail bikes riding up and down our street and in the bush next to us, someone needs to stake it out and get rid of them, as i speak they are riding in the property near my place, i work with the State Emergency Service and go out on a lot of searches that last through the night and long days, when i come home i just want to sleep and take it easy but the noise from the trail bikes makes that impossible. This goes on nearly every day, i ring the police they say they will come out but i dont see them. Thanks for your help.. XXXX

Individual Submission 306

To: Nadine Seifert
Date: 13/08/2008
Subject: CMC Review of Motorbike Noise Laws

I WISH MY IDENTITY TO REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL.

To: Nadine Seifert

I am resident in XXXX, Queensland. I live at the end of a no through road with a community of about 20 homes. I chose this location because of the peace and quite and the abundant birdlife and wildlife in the area.

Firstly, I recognise that trail bike riding does provide a thrilling and active sport for menfolk from a young age. In this area, the main locations for trail bike activities seem to be at Coolum and Gheerulla. Therefore, I would encourage trail bike riders to use those facilities and not use private land adjacent to our homes. We are located on a hillside and the noise from nearby trail bikes is horrendous. We have many overseas visitors and we proudly show them this wonderful part of Queensland but neither they nor I appreciate the sudden roar of an unsilenced trail bike tearing around a track within 500metres of our house. I have spoken to the owner and we have come to an arrangement. In otherwords, I am prepared to tolerate up to 15 minutes of this appalling noise pollution. Beyond that I have advised him that I will report him to the police.

However, our neighbours are also exposed to this noise and it has upset them for the same reasons as I have outlined above.

Now I refer to you required comments:

1. Do the new laws provide police with sufficient power?

No for the simple reason by time the event has been reported and they have turned up to witness the activity, all has ceased and there is nothing that they can effectively do.

2. Could improvements be made to the way in which complaints are responded to?

Yes, record the details of time when the noise started and confirm that it is continuing at the time of the phone complaint, then issue a written warning to the offender identifying times.

3, Do the laws provide the courts with sufficient power.....?

No, there is far too much leniency. More recognition should be taken of the noise pollution which has taken place in a rural residential community.

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

I handle them by talking calmly to the owner and negotiating a compromise, much to my reluctance because the noise is most disturbing in this lovely rural setting. However, I know that neighbours and myself have reported matters to the police and they have responded but intimated that there was little they could do unless they caught them in the act of causing a disturbance.

5. Are there other issues that impact on dealing effectively with noisy off road motorbikes?

Yes, I know of neighbours who have complained and have been sworn at . This form of intimidation discourages them from putting in official complaints because they fear repercussions.

There should be additional facilities provided in appropriate areas where off road motorbikes can be used officially. It is accepted that there are currently few suitable facilities available for this activity.

Off-road motorbikes should be banned from use in reasonable sized rural communities such as ours. The disturbance factor is severe and affects the entire community. This is particularly applicable when the users neglect to use baffles on their machines.

The authorities should take a tough stance and protect rural communities from this noise pollution. It is important that residents who have chosen to live in a peaceful, rural environment be protected against such noise pollution. It is important for residents to enjoy their chosen lifestyle, maintain their property values (off-road motorbikes can negatively affect property prices if tracks are visible in these communities and if noise continues unabated). and enjoy the tranquility and beauty of this wonderful countryside.

Individual Submission 310

To: Nadine Seifert
Date: 13/08/2008
Subject: Re Review of Motor Bike Noise Laws.

As I understand the law, police need to be satisfied that noise levels adversely affect adjoining properties. This means that police must be present in person when the noise is being made to be able to make that assessment.

This is a serious weakness in the legislation. When a report of excessive noise is made to police, they note the incident and advise that if they have a car in the area they will send someone to investigate. In practice, on the Sunshine Coast, I have found that because of limited police numbers and patrols, and particularly in rural residential type property areas, this is most unlikely to happen. Offenders have a variable time span for their actions and often a random pattern to their practice. Police do not have the time to fully investigate or track down incidents, unless they can actually catch them in the act-and that would only cover a small minority of the offences committed. It is not just a matter of noise, but also danger from the riders to themselves when they ride on public roads without licenses or registration and to other members of the public.

The net result is that the method of detection and enforcement left solely in the hands of police is insufficient to get the intended results- and is unfair to police.

Attempts of neighbour to neighbour to negotiate on the issues fail for the most part and quickly turn to hostility. A third party/mediator agent is necessary-but they must have some authority and ability to act to achieve an enforceable result. I believe the role of councils need to be upgraded in this regard and that regulations and zoning laws should clearly outline where and how trail biking and noise restrictions apply in their areas. A mechanism needs to be set up to get the warring parties together and rule on the matter-and if that fails the full resources of the law will then be required. The State government needs to set the governing framework and the justice requirements.

As it now stands I do not think the legislation is working as intended. The biking lobby and fraternity find it too easy to thumb their noses at the police and their neighbours. Residents are forced in many cases to just put up with the noise, or sell out and move elsewhere. Civil action is too hard lengthy and expensive for the great majority.

This whole subject is becoming an increasingly important issue affecting alot of people in many communities and needs to be fully studied and improvements made in the existing legislation to make it more effective.

Individual Submission 311

To: Nadine Seifert
Date: 13/08/2008 8:18pm
Subject: Off-Road Noise

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13 August 2008.

Ms Nadine Seifert,
CMC Review of Motorbike Noise Laws,
GPO Box 3123,
BRISBANE QLD 4001.

Dear Ms Seifert,

The writer wishes to provide to the Crime and Misconduct Commission some input, on behalf of the XXXX XXXX, into the *Invitation for public comment* review of Queensland's off-road motorbike noise laws.

As a group of residents who live in and around the [redacted] adjacent to [redacted] Reserve, we have had for many years now a number of concerns with regard to the activity of off-road motorbikes within the reserve and surrounding areas. I have attached for your viewing a number of documents, which relate to our concerns and I believe they are all self-explanatory. You will note that there is a number of factors i.e. safety, under aged riders, unlicensed riders as well as excess noise that we have attempted to have addressed previously.

I have experienced first hand the effectiveness of the existing laws when making complaints to Police and they have little effect on the problems in rural areas. Kilcoy for example has a police station manned by only two officers who are not able to respond quickly to complaints of excess noise being created by off-road bikes. Sometimes the response may be hours or even days after the noise has ceased and therefore difficult to prove said noise was occurring. The current laws do not allow one to video persons on private property engaging in these activities as proof that the activity was occurring. The current laws also do not make any provisions for the noise being generated by the off-road bikes and other vehicles being utilised on Government land i.e. the conservation park adjacent to [redacted]. We have been informed that Queensland Police have no powers to halt the noise from these areas as the area comes under the jurisdiction of the Park Rangers. The park has insufficient rangers to monitor such activities and thus the noise is an ongoing problem.

We as a group understand the need for adjoining farming properties to use bikes in the daily running of their farms but the senseless hooning around of mostly under aged youths doing burnouts etcetera is unacceptable. I might add at this point that it is also unregistered cars, 4x4's and quad bikes who create excess noise as well, which have no laws governing their excess noise.

We believe that to have our concerns for safety, excess noise, environmental sustainability/protection there needs to be a park established many kilometres away from residential properties where off-road bikes can be ridden with supervision to ensure safety is maintained and where the noise of such an activity will not be a problem for those wishing to enjoy nature at it best in their own back yard.

Yours faithfully,

XXXX (President)

12 April 2007

Commissioner Robert Atkinson,
Queensland Police,
200 Roma Street,
BRISBANE 4000

Dear Commissioner Atkinson,

At the beginning of 2006 we, as a small group of wildlife conservationists, found the need to write to The Hon Desley Boyle, Minister for Environment, Local Government and Planning and Women regarding the continual riding of motorbikes in the State Conservation Park surrounding the north west of Brisbane. I have enclosed for your viewing a copy of correspondence forwarded to Ms Boyle by our President XXXX dated 26 May 2006. Correspondence that in fact XXXX has never received any reply to from Ms Boyle to this day.

That said it was whilst watching last Sunday, 8th April 2007, nights news I listened as one of your officers pleaded for parents to take more responsibility for their children safety. He was being interviewed following the horrific accident in the Gold Coast hinterland where an unlicensed 16-year-old boy whilst riding an unregistered trail bike at high speed collided with a stationary vehicle. Monday night's news reported that the boy had since died.

Your correspondence states that the Queensland Government will be honouring its commitment under the South East Queensland Forests Agreement when making said declaration.

Your response also notes;

the area has been classified as a site where motorcycles are authorised to operate under relevant permits. The operators are only issued a permit if the motorbikes are fully road registered and have appropriate insurance. Riders are only permitted to operate on designated roads and firebreaks, which are assessed by QPWS staff to ensure the minimum impact on the environment and wildlife.

After reading the contents of the Nature Conservation Act 1992 we have been unable to locate within its text where the conservation of wildlife will be in anyway enhanced by the environmental vandalism of motorcycles and their riders being allowed within this area. The very aims and objectives set out within said Act are in fact in vast contrast to the outcome should you allow motorbikes and their riders to continue to enter the conservation area.

If your department holds any documented information to indicate that the diversity of the wildlife within said area will not be impacted by the constant daily activities of motorcycle riders then we request that copies of said information to be supplied to use under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act. We would also ask if your department have conducted impact studies to determine what the effects will be on any endangered species which may be within said area to ensure that their continued existence will be maintained unaltered.

Our aim in writing to you has not been with the intent to have you confirm what Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS) staff have already made us aware of, it has been to seek your assistance as Minister for the Environment to have said practice stopped altogether. Therefore regardless of how many patrols are conducted and how many rules and regulations which are set down by the QPWS the majority of the persons who are currently entering and riding within the boundaries of the Reserve area are doing so, we would have at a guess, without permits. Many are too young to even hold riders licence let alone have insurance and are entering the area illegally through private land that border the perimeter of the area. These persons have little or no respect for the law and thus will have little or no respect for the native wildlife within the conservation area. With the availability of mobile telecommunication to be used by these persons then the defence of compliance exercises are all but useless. You have quoted that such an exercise in 2005 netted a result of 30 infringement notices being served which is an excellent result however it can not be compared to the impact of such a fragile balance of Australian native flora and fauna which exist within said conservation area.

As an ex ambulance officer myself I know only too well the despair and anger police, fire and ambulance officers face when dealing with such accidents. Many of the accidents I personally attended could have been prevented if an adults had have taken a more responsible role in caring about the welfare of their children.

On the morning of XXXX at approximately 10am I found the need to ring the Kilcoy Police after watching a number of bike riders entering the Conservation Park via a neighbour's property. The group contained a number of very young riders. The bikes were a mix of train bikes, mini bikes and quad bikes. Please note the officers from Kilcoy were very quick in their response and noted all the details. I have full confidence in their professionalism to investigate the matter and take the appropriate measures to ensure it does not happen again.

As noted in XXXX correspondence to Ms Boyle there is a great number of children who ride motorbikes in the park regularly. Whilst it was our group's intention to preserve the wildlife habitat when writing to Ms Boyle it has now progressed to a level of attempting to prevent a tragic accident from occurring. The fire trails that the bike riders use have been forged on the edges of deep ravines and park ranges and SES volunteers who have had the need in the past to search these areas will be able to confirm the dangers associated should a rider plunge off one of these tracks. The rangers will also be able to confirm that the area is infested with packs of wild dogs.

I make no apologies for speaking out on this matter, which I hasten to add appears to be far more then what Ms Boyle appears to be doing. I will be able to live with the rebuff from a few irresponsible and disgruntle neighbours as the consequences of my actions but I would find it difficult to sleep with the knowledge that I could have been able to prevent a tragedy but stood back and did nothing.

Therefore I would now request that you as Commissioner of Police discuss with Premier Beattie the need for his Ministers to take a more responsible approach to this matter. Surely common sense will prevail or are we to understand that it will take the death of one of these riders before Ministers take the necessary measures to close the park to this sort of activity?

Yours faithfully,

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Dear Ms Doyle,

We wish to thank you for responding to our concerns in regard to the increased activities of motorcycles within the area which is at present

Reserve and will soon be declared as national park and/or conservation park tenue under the Nature Conservation Act 1992.

It is our aim to ensure that the native wildlife of the area is maintain and will continue to do so undisturbed so that generations to come will be able to share is their beauty.

If anything the government should be developing safe *walking tracks* in areas of the conservation park to enable the public a greater access and view the wonders of the area. We hear of the ever increasing unemployment situation within the south east corner of the State well quite possibly here is an area that further employment may be encouraged by developing said walking tracks rather then allowing the environment to be desecrated by motorbike riding vandals.

As mentioned within our previous correspondence, this area is a pristine wilderness and should be left untouched in order to accommodate the ongoing existence of the wildlife within. For you as Minister for the Environment to simply sign off on this and continue to allow this area to be classified as a site for motorbikes is a grave reflection to the commitment by your government to our environment.

Yours faithfully,

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Individual Submission 312

To: Nadine Seifert
Date: 13/08/2008
Subject: Off Road Motorbike

I am writing in response to your review of the effectiveness of the law. We have a young person living in our street that will rev his dirt bike up about 2-5 times per week. I am not sure what is worse, the fact that he revs it for about 3 hours a weekend in the street, him riding with his 4 year old brother on the back when his parents are out, him riding it without a helmet, or if you call the police you could start a neighbourhood war. Once we did call the police, when his parents were away for a weekend, he rev'd it till about 3 am then started again at about 6am on the Sunday. We called the police but we did not see a car come around. We cannot give our name to the police as we are all homeowners so we have to stay here.

These kids are not only putting themselves at risk, but anyone using the bike paths that they use. They ride throughout our whole estate on the road (they are wearing helmets when they are in the estate but not when they are going up and down the street). There are other kids that on weekends that ride through the bikeways on their dirtbikes as well.

There are sometimes horses that use the bike paths and they get spooked easily from these bikes.

I don't mind the days that they kick the bikes over, have helmets on and take off riding for the day.

It is when they are up and down the street for hours that it is painful. We cringe now when he starts the bike as it has been 3 years we have been listening to it. It used to be for about 5 hours a week, now we are down to about 1 or 2.

I'm not sure if this is the info you need.

Some things I feel would help would be

- a hotline that you could ring with info on these kids, especially the ones without helmets or endangering others (including wildlife)

- stronger penalties for riding in the streets without indicators or lights

- parents to be responsible if the child does not even have a helmet (I feel our neighbour turns a blind eye to keep his son occupied while he is at work)

- no 2 year old should be on these bikes at the speed they go on the road (again the parents would be aware that a 15 year old has a 2 year old on the back)

- more notice taken when the public are calling the police

Again not sure if this is what you were looking for, sorry for the rambling if not. We really don't want to start a war with our neighbour, and I am sure other families think the same. That's why we have stayed quiet for so many years.

Individual Submissions 313

To: Nadine Seifert
Date: 13/08/2008
Subject: Motorbike noise laws.

Dear Nadine,

I am a homeowner who has had to live with the noise of off road motorbikes directly around my property for the last 5 years. Each property is around 2 acres in size and at one stage I was surrounded on 3 sides by these bikes every afternoon when the children came home from school and on weekends. Every effort was made by other neighbours and myself to try and negotiate times for their activity but the attitude seems to be that this is my land and I'll do what I want.

Several of the neighbours had a meeting with our local seargent when the new laws came into force and although he was very sympathetic to our plight and went and spoke to the bike riders and parents, unless they are actually caught on the bikes there doesn't seem to be much that he can do.

While we can ring up and complain and the police will attend the riders can see them coming and have their bikes back in the shed before they arrive. Thereby there is no noise for the police to assess. It has now got to the stage after 2 years of these laws that the police know that it is difficult to catch them and do not seem as willing to respond to a call.

I made a call to police 3 weeks ago about the noise on a Sunday and the response I got was " How about I give the bikers a go" The police officer could hear the noise through the phone but said I could be playing a tape to him. Obviously he just couldn't be bothered. On that day the noise went on for 4 hours . It had been 6 months since I had last made a call about the noise so it is not as if I haven't given them a go.

My neighbours have built a motorbike track complete with jumps so I can only assume that as the children get bigger so will the bikes and the noise.

Have the new laws helped, the answer to that is NO.

Could improvement be made to the way complaints are responded to, Absolutely.

I ask that my identity remain confidential.

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Individual Submission 314

From:
To:
Date: 12/08/2008 5:03pm
Subject: Review of off road motor cycle Laws

Good Afternoon,

As a rider of off road motor cycles for over thirty years, I felt it appropriate to make comment on this review. Let me say at the outset that I agree with the concept that noisy motor cycles should be controlled/limited so as not to be a nuisance. However, my concern is that in trying to limit/control a minority who have given off road motor cycle riders a bad name, the many are not penalised for the sins of the few.

In my experience, the majority of riders who cause problems usually ride unregistered motor cross bikes and ride them in an area close to suburban homes. Many are riders not old enough to obtain a licence or do not have the means to transport their bike to an area that may allow the use of unregistered bikes. The opportunity to legally ride unregistered bikes is now limited mainly to clubs who have access to tracks where racing takes place. However the costs of obtaining a licence to race a motor cycle legally and be part of a club which is mandatory is becoming beyond the reach of many, hence the riding of unregistered bikes in areas where they should not be. I completely understand the difficulties in trying to provide an area for such use, particularly with litigation so prevalent today.

The only other option that many have is to go to a friends place who may have a little bit of ground and use that consequently complaints about noise in areas where people live. There is no simple solution to this but without somewhere for such riders/bikes, this problem will continue.

On the other side of the ledger are those riders who do the right thing. Purchase bikes and register them, obtain a licence and ride them in designated areas approved by the government. It would be such a shame if any review penalised such riders, particularly if the few areas available to legally ride registered bikes were further restricted or disappeared.

The riding of off road motor cycle is a recognised sport but it appears that the sport is not afforded the same level of facility given to many other sports. The not in my back yard seems to be the feeling in many communities and while noise complaints should be acted on, not all riders should be viewed as anti community or be banned as undesirables.

Can more state government land be made available to those who do the right thing and comply with the appropriate laws? Should the state forest rangers play a more active role in helping those who do the right thing but also work towards changing attitudes of those they encounter in such areas that give riders a bad name. Perhaps the three strikes policy may help get the message through.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my views

Individual Submission 318

To: Nadine Seifert
Date: 14/08/2008
Subject: CMC Review of Motorbike Noise Laws

Please find submissions attached on behalf of

CMC Review of Motorbike Noise Laws
Attention: Nadine Seifert
GPO Box 3123, Brisbane, Qld 4001

VIA EMAIL

SUBMISSION ON BEHALF OF AFFECTED RESIDENTS

We reside on XXXX, in Townsville. We are one of many rural residents who are affected by excessively noisy off-road motorbikes.

In 1998 we relocated from a 1 acre block at XXXX to 100 acres XXXX. Our primary reason for relocating was due to the constant antics of noisy off-road motorbike riders who were the children of our neighbours at XXXX. As the situation of noise and pollution was not resolved in a civil manner, or by local government authorities, we chose to relocate from the problem.

Noise from vehicles is an unfortunate reality of urban life, and this is the predominate reason people move out of the city, to experience the tranquillity enjoyed by rural residents. Unfortunately, it appears the problem has simply followed us further out of town, and the amount of motorbike riders in our area have escalated over the past couple of years.

The motorbike riders gain entry to the riverbed off the XXXX entry point. Motorbikes can be seen and heard there every single weekend, on Saturdays and Sundays, even when it rains. Not all the motorbikes are currently registered, as the majority have no number plates.

Many of the riders also get in the habit of riding their unregistered motorbikes on the road, up and down our fence line. It is apparent by the noise they enjoy going for a joyride on a sealed road, as well as racing one another. As our home is a few hundred metres from the road, it is difficult for us to get up to the road in time to be able to identify the motorbike/s.

When this type of thing occurs all of the animals we house are affected by the noise, and it takes a considerable amount of time to calm them all down. On one occasion my daughter was walking the perimeter of the property when an unregistered rider rode up and down the fence line 3 or 4 times. My daughter advised the rider that he was illegally riding on the road, and instructed him to get off his back and walk it back to the river otherwise she would call the police. As the rider complied with her request on this occasion the youthfulness of the rider is apparent, otherwise she would have received a torrent of abuse from a more mature man.

We know many residents in the area, one particular married couple come to mind that recently sold their property located at XXXX. The wife had been diagnosed with a brain tumour and required plenty of bed rest between her medical treatments. It was almost impossible for her to get any sleep due to the noise on weekends due to the motorbike noise in the riverbed, along the roads, and along the boundaries of their

home.

Furthermore, their new neighbours were avid and youthful motorbike riders who took to riding their bikes past their home on the way to the riverbed. As complaints from this couple to the police produced no results, they sold their property and relocated from the area.

At the present time, the public has no confidence in the power of police to stop off-road motorbike noise. If the series of graduated responses are not initially actioned by police, how is a bike ever going to be impounded? Nor are the riders concerned by the possibility of receiving a noise abatement direction. I would be interested in knowing if the Townsville Magistrates Court has ever received an Application for a forfeiture order.

The existing legislation appears to be good in theory, but it's just not effective. Even if police gave an abatement notice to one particular rider and stopped that person from riding for 48 hours, how can anyone know if the same exact rider was the person subsequently responsible for the noise heard the next day. This is impossible to ascertain when there are multiple riders. The only way this would be effective would be for police to issue all riders in the vicinity with notices on a Saturday, in the hopes they wouldn't return on a Sunday.

The powers provided to the Queensland Police Service need to be framed in such a way as to allow a police officer to initiate a breach of the legislation, rather than requiring them to only respond to a complaint.

If police officers took the initiative by doing spot checks on registration, or drove regularly down XXXX, or impounded vehicles due to noise pollution, nearby residents would be more confident that their complaints would be well received, rather than treated as a unimportant drain on police resources.

The noise problem is also escalated by the fact the majority of riders seem to have a preference for 2 stroke trail bikes. These types of bikes are extraordinarily noisy and produce a lot more pollutants.

For your information, noise is not the only issue. Other residents in the area have also complained that motorbike riders are trespassing upon private property (obtaining access from the riverbed) and cutting fence lines to enable them to go 'bush bashing'. Cattle are then lost due to the fence lines being cut, and often end up in the riverbed. When riders come across the cattle they give them a scare, which causes a slow and painful death when the cattle panic and run themselves into barbed wire, or off the edge of rugged landscape.

One the most worrisome side effects of these off road motorbikes are the additional activities undertaken by their riders, who are accessing areas difficult for landowners to patrol. Riders are responsible for incidents of arson by lighting fires in bushland near the riverbed. I have enclosed a copy of one article published in the Townsville Bulletin, which contains an article about a fire that was deliberately lit on Sunday 15 June, 2008.

There was also a recent article published in the local paper about youths on motorbikes who were apprehended by police near Tully. They were simply given a caution by police not to do it again, such a penalty is hardly a deterrent for future antisocial/illegal behaviour. No wonder the majority of residents affected by such behaviour think that making a complaint to the police will end up being a waste of time.

I do not object to my comments or my identity being displayed, however I would request that my residential address be disclosed as being "Townsville" only. There are motorbike riders in the area that may retaliate by causing harm to animals located upon my property.

In summary, the new laws have not helped to resolve or reduce the problem of off-road motorbike noise experience by the members of our household. If anything, the problem has escalated and shows so no

sign of being stopped by the local authorities.

Kind regards,

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Townsville

Individual Submission 322

To: Nadine Seifert
Date: 15/08/2008
Subject: Review of Motorbike noise .

My 80 year old parents reside in the middle of the suburban town of XXXX. They have problems with multiple trail bikes being ridden in an adjacent 4000 m2 block. The noise and smoke from the said bikes is so loud and strong that my parents are literally shut up in their home. Numerous phone calls to police resulted in one visit leaving my parents feeling intimidated, threatened and scared by the group of young bike riders. Seems that these young riders (thugs) have all the rights whereas my parents have to put up with it. We need more effective laws to service the general population of law abiding citizens, whose only wish is to live in peace and harmony. Trail bikes do not belong in suburban back yards.

Thanks
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Individual Submission 323

To: Nadine Seifert
Date: 15/08/2008
Subject: Noisy off-road motorbikes

As a resident of a semi-rural area of the Moreton Shire Qld I wish to express my opinion about off-road motorbikes. We live in a small acreage estate, with properties ranging from 1 and a half to ten acre lots. We decided to live here for the peace and quiet, so we thought. However, there is neither peace nor quiet very often. On weekends, when we are home to relax and enjoy our peace we are overwhelmed with noisy off-road motorbikes, mostly ridden by children on private properties. It is a nightmare for those working shift work and trying to sleep during the day. The noise of the off-road bikes, for those who do not partake in such sport is irritating and disturbing to say the least. Often there will be three or four different of-road motor bikes roaring around one or more properties. Sometimes it goes on for 20 minutes and then at other times it goes on for an hour. The offender might not live right next door to us but the noise travels. We have tried to approach our neighbours but they are not willing to curb their children's activities. As these children are riding on private property we cannot complain to police, nor could we due to the possible repercussions from upset neighbours. We would prefer to live in harmony with our neighbours. My suggestion is to prohibit the use of these noisy machines on private property, for up to 10 acre lots and those adjoining estates. The use of off-road motorbikes must be confined to specifically approved areas, not someones backyard.

Please keep my identity confidential.

Yours sincerely,

XXXX
(Moreton Shire)