

Individual Submission no. 32

To: Nadine Seifert
Date: 19/06/2008
Subject: Offroad bikes

Hi Nadine

I have read the letter about the noise off offroad motorcycles, as I am a responsible person with 3 offroad bikes , I feel that I think it time to tell what I feel.

I think its time that the goverment start to look at why do the people with offroad bikes make noise in builded areas, first is there is no place to ride becuase of the enviroment, what about the trees, but they can push it down to build houses, second not all can aford to ride at clubs and to pay the insurance and libillity and club fees, and last where can I complain if a chap mow his lawn and the lawnmower makes a noise.

Thanks for reading and hope there is someone who can reed between the lines.

Thanks

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Hi Nadine

You have my consent

Thanks

Individual Submission no. 34

To: Nadine Seifert
Date: 20/06/2008
Subject: Vehicle Noise

To Nadine,

I believe that there are many more small cars with large and very loud exhaust systems.

All vehicles (cars, motorbikes, trucks, etc - registered and non-registered) should be subject to random noise testing much more than they currently are.

All vehicles (cars, motorbikes, usually not registered) that race in a properly organised event are subject to scrutineering prior to and during the event.

The exhaust noise level is tested whilst stationary prior to being allowed to compete and then randomly whilst the vehicle is being used in aggression.

The maximum noise level is usually less than a state roadworthy maximum for a registered vehicle.

Why is it that there are many registered small vehicles with excessively loud exhaust systems allowed to drive around family streets at all hours of the day ?

I would like to see a campaign on reducing vehicle noise and modified exhaust systems.

I suggest that the biggest impact is registered small vehicles with oversized exhausts and truck exhaust braking producing excessive and unnecessary noise in the suburbs and main trunk roads through built-up areas.

Regards, XXXX

To Nadine,

I trust that the comments are de-identified.

Regards, XXXX

Individual Submission 54

To: Nadine Seifert
Date: 1/07/2008
Subject: RE: Off Road Motorbike Noise/Riding

Nadine,
I don't have a problem with you posting my comments or my Ph#. As you can guess, I'm pretty passionate about this issue. Thanks for your reply.
R,
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After reading the biased article, (Sunday Mail 29/06/08) & one sided, REACTIVE, CMC paper my head is spinning. Nowhere in this paper does it ask "why" there is a problem. All it does is propose ways of penalising people, which I might add is tried & proven way of revenue raising for Government. Do you think the majority of responsible riders chose to ride in this manor, no they don't? The problem arises when greedy local councils & state governments pander to developers, at the detriment of local clubs, many of which have been insitu for 30 years +, long before the "New Estates" were developed & land bought by people with full knowledge of a bike club operating nearby, e.g. Reedy Cr Club, & Mike Hatchers (Gold Coast). All riding at these venues is done in a safe & controlled environment. As soon as a motorbike park opens somewhere, there is always a plethora of hurdles for the operators to jump through, & a series of archaic legislation to deal with.

Other more forward thinking countries in the world, (USA), actually encourage private owners to build tracks on their property, so riders can participate in this sport in a safe & controlled environment. This also provides safe places for people to learn & develop their skills. I know it's hard for any form of government in this country to imagine, but try really hard to imagine a place where the government ACTUALLY tried to help some of the people who elected it, instead of dreaming up ways of penalising people for problems created by narrow minded, greedy, & short sighted legislation! I find it repugnant that any government is prepared to waste its police resources to charge some one for riding a trail bike on my property, with my consent; don't ever lose sight of the fact that I BOUGHT IT, I PAID FOR IT, NOT the government.

This problem will not go away by fining people, there are a lot of people who have invested \$10,000+++ in their bikes, & we want to enjoy our sport in a responsible manor. God knows governments all over Australia invest money in sport, so why not help this one. This problem WILL go away if, governments (at all levels), rider groups, & responsible operators, get together to negotiate legislation to provide properly run facilities to cater for the sport. I'll admit that there will always be a small number of irresponsible people who'll ride illegally, but by taking a proactive

attitude with this issue the state government can achieve a positive outcome. This is a golden opportunity to help this sport go forward, DON'T let it slip through your hands.

R,

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Individual Submission 63

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To Nadine Seifert
CMC Review of Motorbike Noise Laws.

30/06/08

Dear Nadine,

I would like to comment on the issue of motorbike noise.

We live in a rural area. Every weekend and public holiday motorbikes come out to our area and drive up and down the road behind our property and into the forestry area.

They are mostly unregistered bikes and the riders show little regard for speed limits or road rules. They frequently ride on one wheel on the straight stretches and when there has been rain, they spin around the corners and dig up the road. On one occasion a man was riding along the road with his young son sitting in front of him – both without helmets and quite frequently they see how far they can ride on one wheel.

There is so much dust created that our cattle do not eat along the fence lines and when we have been working along the road they do not even slow down. There have been a few accidents out here already and our neighbour had to assist one young girl out of her fence line – and then repair the damage to the fence at her own expense.

I understand that when someone purchases a motorbike the people at the shops tell them they can ride out here. The locals are always discussing their distress at the noise and lack of respect these riders show. One person has had his cattle chased around his paddocks.

We appreciate that there is a need for a designated dirt bike area but there seems to be nowhere allocated to ride – there is an allotment in itself behind the brickworks where a lot of riders go but you can only wonder what will happen when there is an accident there.

My husband has quite often complained to police and is just told that they would “pass the complaint to the traffic department” and no further action seems to be taken. If they rode like this in town itself something would be done but not when you live in a rural area.

I hope this information is of some assistance as we would like to see some resolution to the problem.

Yours Sincerely
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Individual Submission 64

To: Nadine Seifert
Date: 30/06/2008
Subject: New noise restrictions - Stanmore Motorcycle club

Hi

My husband, my kids and I are members of albert district motorcycle club and have been notified that the club is facing possible closure due to the fact that a new estate has been built near it and now those residents have been complaining about the noise from the motorbikes there.

I see this as to be extremely unfair on us motorcyclists who are doing the right thing and riding in a controlled environment and not simply riding around the streets causing more noise and inconvenience to the residents.

I feel that the new laws coming in will have a great impact on the club and also may force it's foreclosure due to the noise.

As you may be well aware motorcycles make noise. There is no stopping that. But the motorcycles used at the club all have to be in good order and be checked out before they are aloud on the track and so this limits the amount of excess noise created by unserviced bikes and their exhausts.

I feel that the motorcycle club is being targeted by those residents that knew that the club was there when they moved there and yet they bought houses there and now want things to be changed so that it suits them and have the club closed for the noise that it creates even though it has been there for over 30 years and has not had to face this previously.

I feel that if the new laws come through that make it even stricter to run a club than it will force motorcyclists to ride unlawfully around the streets as there will be very limited spaces for us to ride, even more than there is now. There are not many of these clubs and the stricter the rules the harder it makes for us to keep a place open for us to ride safely and with the proper supervision needed, especially for children.

Please consider the new rules coming in before they are set and what effect it will have on the continuation of the above club, as closing down would be a grave injustice on the community and those riders who are doing the right thing by going out and getting their licences and riding on a licensed premises.

Better to keep these places open than face all the members out there on the suburban streets.

Regards

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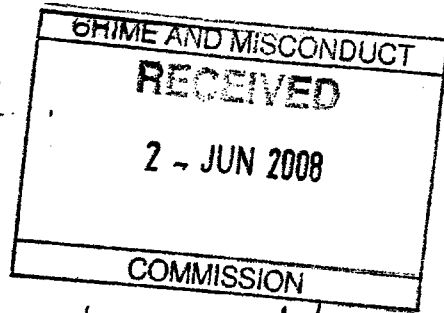
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Individual Submission 65

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Dear Sir/madam

Re Motorbike Cmc



I have been involved with motorbikes & Riding for 40 years and over that period have met lots of fabulous people & friends we all ride on club motocross tracks. If our Riding was hampered in any way a lot of children of ours would probably turn to "drugs" as an alternative.

This sport requires you to be fit & healthy.

Please Give us more Tracks
or more Areas to Ride

Individual Submission 67

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Your list of issues to be covered in the CMC review do not go anywhere near ALL the issues associated with the meter bike thugs.

1. Have written so many letters will no results or improvement.
2. Not just noise - the DUST etc! THE DUST far worse than the noise. Nobody cares about that; I have tried, no results.
3. Have made so many phone calls to Police, waste of time, they don't turn up or if they ever have, the thugs have stopped.
4. The thugs are 95% teenagers and untouchable by Police and the law.
5. There are not enough Police Officers. FACT!
6. There are no consequences in place by Law to what evil acts or any unlawful act a teenager commits. A slap on the wrist is not a consequence! The teenagers know this as well, so no hope there.
7. I don't complain, write letters approach the thugs or even have eye contact anymore as this is seen a a threat by them + they retaliate against us.
8. Since just putting up with DUST and NOISE on a daily basis. I have no more attacks on me by rocks (large ones) or fruit and our home is no longer under attack from illegal fire rockets, bottles, broken glass, rocks, eggs,

rotten fruit and potatoes. The verbal abuse has
also stopped.

9. Most of the motor bike thugs and their friends
around here are also underage drinkers and
drugs takers, just an extension of boys without
consequences.

I imagine you people doing this waste of time
review are of an older ilk and grew up
in a time of consequences and therefore would
understand my point of view and hopefully
agree. So, good luck in changing the
useless laws as they stand.

I am not supplying any details, as I and
my family live in fear of retribution.

So, here I go wasting another 50c stamp.

Give Trailbike Riders a Fair Go.

By stopping trail bike riders from riding at the Narangba Industrial Estate and state forests in the Caboolture, Bribie Island area, there are virtually no legal places where people can ride safely, barring private property to which most people do not have access . Many children have saved and worked hard and long to buy their bikes to engage in this ever more popular sport.

By closing these areas, riders are virtually being treated like criminals, with police now having the power to confiscate bikes. Kids who ride trail bikes are branded as hoons and always talked about in negative terms. The fact of the matter is that if kids are using their free time to ride their bikes, there is much less chance of them participating in anti-social behaviour such as vandalism, graffiti, petty theft or underage drinking, because at the end of a day's riding, they are too tired to do anything else.

Let's give these kids some positive recognition for what they are doing. Councils provide facilities for the public such as sporting complexes, swimming pools, skate parks, and BMX tracks just to mention a few. Insurance at these venues does not seem to be a problem. Since trail bike riding is becoming an ever more popular recreational sport, it's time the CSC gave some very serious consideration to providing areas where trail bikes could be ridden.

Riding would be controlled, safer and conducted on a user pay basis. Surely there are many suitable areas to ride such as disused quarries, low lying areas away from residential areas etc.

In the case of trail bike riding, because of noise and dust, there are problems to be overcome, but they are not insurmountable and should not be thrown into the "too hard basket". The CSC needs to take a much more serious approach to the investigation of suitable, legal, safe riding areas for the kids (and adults) who enjoy this sport.

They should not be discriminated against but rather given the same consideration and opportunity as other sports.

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Individual Submission 72

To: Nadine Seifert
Date: 1/07/2008
Subject: Motor Bike Excessive Noise-Review

Nadine

Re: The following is my submission for "The Review of Queensland's off-road motorbike noise laws"

My comments consist of; opinions and experiences of off road motor cycles and their noise in my area (the housing development of [a suburb of Cairns QLD 4870]), and how this problem has been dealt with according to the new laws (July 2006).

*My experiences:

I have purchased an expensive little home in a 'building estate' in close to the city centre (Cairns 4870). It has parks, bike (bicycle) and walk paths, houses are privately owned and the estate is a community in itself. In my street alone, we collect mail for others who are away, sign for each others deliveries if one is not there to receive it themselves and generally take care of each other and look out for each others properties.

At the entrance to this estate is an open, vacant 'area' (council property) which includes 'jumps' built for BMX bicycles provided by the Cairns City Council through a grant sought by the developer to provide for children in this estate, to use on the their bicycles. This area is now frequented by motobikers of all ages and socio economic groups, even as I begin to write this at 3.39pm Friday 27 June 2008, I can here a motorbike using that area. I'm continuing to write/edit this email Monday 30 June 2008 and have just phoned the local police station to address the noise of a motor bike in the area .. "When a crew becomes available they will do a patrol through the area".

The area used is council property-but when I contacted the Cairns City Council in the past, I was told to contact the police about motor bike riders and the noise.

When I have contacted the police on various occasions-they tell me:

- *to contact the council...good point and I have done so
- *get the council to put up a sign...I have requested this in the past
- *they (the police) can't do anything if they don't see and hear the riders (police have attended and the riders have fled)
- *they will attend after they deal with something urgent/occurring within the station (which is understandable)
- *they (the police) are uncontactable-the phone rings out at the station (they are so busy-they are all out)
- *the police station only has two personnel on duty on Sundays for the areas including-Mt Sheridan, Woree, Gordonvale, Edmonton, Bayview amongst others and they will get to the problem when they can, as they prioritise their list of calls (again fair enough). In fact they are so busy the police station doesn't even open on Sundays and the two police personnel on duty

remain in a vehicle, all of Sunday, attending numerous calls/problems.

The laws don't empower the police to contact the riders when they reach their homes-even when the police know who they are and where they live.

I have eased off phoning the police in total frustration because I realize they are:

1. understaffed;
2. so busy
3. with criminal or dangerous offences or dealing with problems with more immediate implications, or
4. there is nothing they can do as the perpetrators go 'cross country' through the residential estate (on bicycle paths, through parks etc) and the police aren't permitted to pursue the riders.
5. bikes are unregistered and the riders cannot be traced through the registration
6. seen by the riders as they are making their way down the highway to the

-prior warning for the riders to go home or load up their vehicles.

The riders (some of whom live in _____) wait for the police to leave and then ride across the parks, walk paths to get back down the original area to ride again

Due to this frustration and guilt (I may be taking police away from more urgent matters)

I have on occasion walked down to the area and asked riders to leave;
I have stood in the way of oncoming riders when they take to the walk paths across the road from my home;
I have stood there and received verbal abuse for interfering and 'don't I have a life';
I have been called various names for calling the police to deal.

Undesired outcome: the riders persist and their numbers are increasing because others see they are doing it and nothing happens to them so why shouldn't they do the same.

I am a member of my local Neighbourhood Watch and we can't do anything more either. The police attending appear to be frustrated by the problem too.

So in summary:

I've lived here since 2000
New laws were introduced in 2006
Motor bike noise and numbers worse in 2008

Please contact me if further information is necessary.

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Individual Submission 78

To: Nadine Seifert
Date: 3/07/2008
Subject: RE: CMC review of Motorbike Noise Levels.

Dear Nadine,

As a registered motorbike (offroad) user and a mother of a son who also wishes to pursue the sport, I am hoping that the CMC report will also address what is one of the most pertinent reasons behind nuisances riders.. The lack of public offroad riding facilities throughout the nation.

The amount of money thrown around toward these reports etc could be better used in sourcing state/crown land areas and designating these plots for recreational dirt bike riders.

I have been trying so desperately hard here in Townsville, working with the Council, parliamentarians, other clubs and QLD Sport & Recreation to try and locate some land for our unlicensed riders to ride on. We are being squeezed out of regions at a very rapid rate due to residential estates/developers and thus the young kids are taking greater risks of riding across roads, and in areas which they not only put themselves at risk, but pose themselves as nuisances to the residential communities.

At this stage I get plenty of lip, very little action and plenty of "too hard basket" attitude. when in fact it is very simple. with very little infrastructure involved, plenty of grants available for decent clubs to generate funding for rider education programs and plenty of available community support and sponsorships to establish facilities and to generate funding towards insurance.

This problem will not be solved by fines. we will have plenty more unfortunate deaths and accidents because the councils and governments will not take the lead in working with reputable biking clubs and communities to try and designate some safe, public riding areas. If you know of key action people within your department that are willing to get in contact with me to try and source some land. then please pass on my details as I am extremely keen to be used as the guinea pig and do all the work to get the ball rolling!!!

Just remember, these kids cannot even apply for a motorcycle learners licence until they are 18. there are many years prior which are the most crucial years for them to be educated on correct riding protocols before they venture on the roads. Teach them young !!!

Thanking you in advance!

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Member and dirt bike rider - Townsville Branch -

Mother of a recreational dirt bike rider