

Individual Submission 329

To: Nadine Seifert
Date: 15/08/2008
Subject: Off Road Bikes-name confidetal please

Dear Nadine Seifert, I am glad to have the chance to state how we feel and have experienced off road bikers.

When someone buys one of these bikes for themselves or their children they know that they don't have the right to ride on roads and shouldn't go ahead with the purchase if they haven't got the ability to access a legal safe location. Dog owners have to consider where they can legally go and the laws protecting society from nuisance and safety issues, why not bike owners? We live close to XXXX reserve, this is supposed to be a protected area for the greater benefit of society, in an area that is seeing massive growth, these small but significant areas need our special care and yet bikers use it for their personal playground. They are not pursuing sport they are playing. Their selfishness causes damage to the flora and fauna and create erosion. The local laws staff are mostly unable to catch them, they are especially bad at weekends and close to 5pm. They are well aware of what they are doing. There is also a reserve access road behind our house and this often has local adults and children walking or cycling. The Motorbikes race up and down which on several occasions that I know of, people have had to move quickly to avoid serious injury. The bikers have even driven at my husband when he attempted to talk to them. The road is the police's area of power. On one occasion a local lad was caught and I believe fined, as he was using the public road on his way to the reserve. He has been out many times since, his parents even watch him go. His friends have not altered their behaviour, even doing wheelies down past us on the public road in defiance, as they go off to play on the access road and reserve. We have tried to speak politely to some, and been verbally abused and physically intimidated for our efforts. We have phoned the police and local laws, they do their best but they don't have the man power or sufficient equipment to catch them. If they do catch them, you are talking about people who choose to behave in a way that brings them enjoyment despite the knowledge that it's upsetting others. Do you really think that a letter telling them they're naughty and they can't play on their bike for 48 hours is going to change their behaviour? I don't think so. Then you expect the police to try against the odds to catch this person in the act a second and third time before the penalties get strong enough to be a real deterrent. Our police have a lot to do and all this is very costly in police time and financially to the rate payers. I drive a car, I know the laws relating to that vehicle and societies expectations. These bikes are powerful vehicles, not action men or Barbie doll toys. Adults who buy them for kids and adults who ride them have a responsibility within society and community. Noise, dirt, damage and personal injury are not a bikers right to force upon others. Lets just say it as it is. NO-ONE should have the right to force their personal choice on others and take away the right to peaceful enjoyment of community. We have to be tolerant of differences, but don't you think that if noise is unreasonable on a Monday it will be just as upsetting weather its 48 or 72 hours later, or even 2 weeks, 4 weeks or 2 months later. Why does telling them to stop for 48 hours make anything better?

The present laws are very poor. If someone has a bike they should know on purchasing it the law in regard to it's safe, legal use (as with a gun) and

the consequences of breaking those rules.

Those found illegally using it should lose the right to have one.
Council should put some barriers on frequently used access paths and post signs clearly stating areas that are out of bounds (reserves, closed roads) and severe penalties will be enforced.

For areas with repeated problems there should be a temporary CCTV positioned, and offenders caught.

It has been suggested to us to take pictures to help identify these law breakers..could you not do this?

The owner of the bike should take the penalty regardless of who is riding it. Under 17's who are classed as kids should not be racing around unsupervised on powerful machines, that is neglect of care, endangering a minor...what ever you like to call it, parents know their kid has that bike and don't care how or where it's used as long as it's somewhere else.

If there is a need in the community for more facilities for skateboarding, motorcycles or and other pastimes, there is a correct process to address this, it does not give people the right to endanger and upset others till they get what they want.

For those that live close to private properties that are creating too much noise...I would have thought that since there are noise laws to stop loud unreasonable music, dogs barking, night clubs in residential areas there would be laws to find a solution if the council/police wanted to enforce it. If not then this needs looking at.

I hope that some common sense comes out of all this. It seems to often we are afraid to upset the wrong doers and don't defend those law abiding citizens in our society.

Because we have tried to stop the abuse of our local Reserve we already experienced some local harassment, and so altho' I have signed my name I wish to have my name kept confidential. Yours sincerely XXXX

Individual Submission 332

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

Dear Nadine,

I enclose this submission on the condition that my name, address and e mail address not be made public. Thank you.

SUBMISSION

NOISY OFF ROAD TRAIL BIKES

Dear Sir / Madam,

I have the dubious pleasure of living adjacent to a National Park on the Sunshine Coast.

This park is a "conservation park" and intended for the use of bush walkers, mountain bike riders and horse riding.

Unfortunately it has also become popular with motor bike riders, despite the locked gates and signs prohibiting the use of motorised vehicles.

The illegal use of these trail bikes pose a danger to other users of the park and to themselves.

I recently read a published letter from a local doctor who highlighted the fact that he was constantly attending to emergencies as a result of off road bike crashes and that not only was this impacting on his already overstretched working week but also greatly adding to the hospital waiting list for elective surgery.

In your review of off road motor bikes may I suggest that consideration should be given to making it compulsory for owners of these bikes to have private medical insurance and that bike sellers cannot sell a bike unless the purchaser has this insurance.

If you wish to partake in this potentially dangerous activity, fine, but don't expect the general public to pay for your medical treatment.

Needless to say I also object strongly to the noise of these machines spoiling a peaceful weekend. I get the impression that the louder the exhaust system the "cooler" they think they are and this sentiment applies to riders of Harleys, jet skis and other gratuitously noisy vehicles.

Please do not relax the noise abatement laws.

Yours sincerely

Name and address supplied

PLEASE DO NOT PUBLISH THESE DETAILS

Individual Submission 333

To: Nadine Seifert
Date: 15/08/2008
Subject: CMC Review of Motorbike Laws

Good Afternoon Nadine,

Please find attached a submission for the review of motorbike laws. If anyone would like to speak to me regarding this, please ask them to ring me on XXXX. My father and brother would also like to be contacted and I happy to provide their numbers if asked.

Regards

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13 August 2008

CMC Review of Motorbike Noise Laws
Attention: Nadine Seifert
GPO Box 3123
BRISBANE QLD 4001

I am so pleased that the CMC is reviewing these laws.

From personal experience I can tell you that these new laws are neither appropriate nor effective. These laws place the onus on residents to continually make complaints which then places them in the position where they may suffer retaliation in response.

Below is what has taken place in our subdivision (rural-residential):

1. One resident has constructed a large motorbike riding area in his front yard only metres from the houses on both sides. It contains at least 5 jumps, is an absolute eyesore and nothing can be done about it by council or police because it is his land. There can be 3 – 5 motorbikes operating at any time.
2. Another resident moved in approximately 1 year ago and proceeded to build a very large motorbike jump in his yard, very close to his neighbour and directly across the road from my family. He thinks it is "fun" to start his motorbike at 10 o'clock at night (he blamed his mate for that one).
3. Several other residents ride motorbikes around their yards, at times riding extremely fast directly towards traffic on the actual bitumen road. They are not able to be seen due to trees until they almost hit you. Both my father and I have had near misses with these riders. The police cannot do anything unless they catch them in the act. There are not enough police to do adequately monitor this.
4. Another resident got permission for his children to ride their motorbikes on the spare block behind his residence. When we moved in next door, we thought the motorbikes would stop but this did not occur. When my father approached the parent (hoping for a reasonable outcome) he offered my father earplugs. The police have told us they cannot do anything about this unless we continue to make complaints. These laws do not give reasonable outcomes to residents who are forced to make complaints.

I would like to suggest this: How about a pro-active attitude towards motorbike riding? Why is it laws regarding smoking anywhere and everywhere can be implemented and the state cannot stop inconsiderate residents from riding motorbikes or building motorbike jumps etc in their own front yards? This is ludicrous in the extreme and an insult to people who try to do the right thing and not disturb their neighbours.

Below are some suggestions:

Please Note: These are suggestions for residential and rural/residential areas. (i.e. areas where you can see your neighbours)

1. Under no circumstances should anyone be allowed to build a motorbike jump, ramp, track or circuit in their yard.

2. Under no circumstances should anyone be allowed to ride a motorbike in their yard. (An exception must be considered here for people who use motorbikes as transport to and from work)
3. Residents who want to even consider either of the above should be forced (just like liquor licensing laws etc etc) to publicly declare their intentions **and** have to approach every neighbour within a reasonable area and provide them with a written statement outlining their intentions. This at least would provide residents with a fair and equitable outlet to lodge an objection. This does not currently exist.
4. The police need to be given further powers regarding motorbike enthusiasts. Why can't police hand a statement of new laws to motorbike riders that clearly states what they may/may not do. The enthusiast's only need to sign the statement to acknowledge their understanding and if, at anytime they breach the conditions of the statement then police should immediately have the right to confiscate their bikes and legal action should be pursued. Residents should not be forced to make numerous complaints before action is taken.

To some my suggestions may seem extreme but I feel this is necessary. Too many residents are reluctant to make complaints because of the possibility of retaliation.

To be perfectly honest, I detest motorbikes and always will. I know 3 young men whose lives will NEVER be the same because of motorbikes and I knew a young man who was killed last year on a motorbike. To have to go to a wonderful 17 year old young man's funeral is more than anyone should ever have to endure.

If I was to hear that motorbikes were being destroyed and never to be made again, I would be very happy and I don't care who knows it. They are killers and noise makers and the world would be better off without them!

In summary, the new laws are not effective, do not provide police with sufficient power to deal with noisy off-road motorbikes and do not protect residents from having to suffer from inconsiderate behaviour. Yes improvements need to be made to the way in which complaints are responded to – give police more power. The other issues that impact on dealing effectively with noise off-road motorbikes are: the riders themselves – most are not interested in being considerate of their neighbours and couldn't give a damn if they disturb others.

I have no objection to this being placed in your website.

Yours sincerely

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A very concerned resident

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Wednesday, 13 August 2008

CMC Review of Motor Bike Noise Laws
Attn: Nadine Seifert
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Dear Nadine,

I have recently become aware of the Commissions review of the Motor Bike Noise Legislation, and I would appreciate the opportunity to put forward my views and experiences I have encountered.

Location:

Our address is within the town boundary and on the outskirts of the Town.
There are two other houses within 200 meters of my residence.
To the East, North East, and the North 400 meters is the town proper.
To the South is the new transfer facility for the town.
To the South West about 300 meters is the
To the West is parkland and to the West of that is the beginning of the
land.

History:

The park was the site of an old rubbish tip twenty five years ago.
The park is under control of the local shire.
About Twelve years ago The Toowoomba Motor Cycle Club made application for the land to be used as a motor cycle track.
This application was subsequently rejected by Council after much lobbying by many of the residents of the town especially the western side of the town.
There has never been any further application for use of this land, to my knowledge, by an individual or organisation for any purpose.

Proactive approach:

After this the residents of the area decided that we should take a proactive approach and commenced a tree planting program at the locals own expense.
The landscaping earthworks were minimal and only steep inclines were levelled out to undulating standard.
Four hundred trees have been planted and cared for by ourselves.
Unfortunately only about three hundred have survived with the remaining failing due to the harsh drought conditions.
Some of these trees are now very well established.
The Local council declared this as parkland about 6 years ago.
These days the council's commitment goes as far as mowing or slashing.

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No further improvements are planned at this stage and now with amalgamations to a Super Shire it may be unlikely for quite some time.

Present situation:

Over the past few years there has been an increase in the number of four wheel drive vehicles and off road motor bikes attempting to use the area.

The 4X4 seem to be more prominent during and after rain and all hours of the day and night.

They attempt to use the hills and flat areas for circle work and climbing.

These vehicles are registered and mostly adult drivers whom I assume are licensed.

They are often joined by other young drivers of utes and cars and race around at all hours of the night.

These vehicles are often equipped with big volume base systems and the noise coming from them can often be felt and heard before sighting the actual vehicle.

The motor bikes more prominent in the dry periods and at daylight hours.

Also after school and school holidays also sees an increase in activities.

These bikes are predominately unregistered and unlicensed young children.

They are not supervised by parents and the parents of some of the children are still at work.

The bikes are not transported to the area and are in fact ridden down XXXX and XXXX to access the area.

Some of the riders do have Helmets, but will then place a friend with no helmet and no footrest as a pillion on the back of the bike and race down the street.

Frequency:

This varies from several times per week to going several weeks with no offences.

It would be my submission that this would average out on at once per week.

Effect on residents.

The 4X4 and other vehicles racing around at all hour's of the night are very concerning to myself and our neighbours. You never know what they are up to and the reason they are racing around late at night.

About five years ago one 4X4 bulldozed seventeen trees in a callous act of vandalism. Unfortunately the person responsible was never found.

The damage to the streets which are unsealed is disgraceful and they have no concerns for the residents who have to live and use these street.

The dust and noise from vehicles revving their engines to full capacity becomes most annoying.

The noise from the vehicles with the big base systems can be felt vibrating throughout the walls of the house.

Despite the vehicles being annoying, the off road motor bikes are the worst. The noise emulating from the bikes is horrendous at times.

The motor bikes create a lot of dust and noise that carries across our community.

The damage, erosion from the tracks, spinning tyres, doughnuts and dust created is most disruptive to the quiet residents.

The area is used as a walkway by residents and other walker around town.

It is also an area that a lot a dog people exercise there dogs.

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After the tree planting native koalas have returned and we also have a large population of birdlife in the trees..

Some of these birds are fed by the passer by people.

These people have often stopped to discuss the damage and noise that is created by the vehicles and the motor bikes as they also have to put up with the noise and to a lesser extent the dust.

Other issues.

One of the problems seems to be the lack of continuous offenders.

When enough pressure is put on an individual they will eventually stop, however, before long someone else will come along.

What I normally do is to go over to the park and explain to people that it is a park and not a motor cycle track and if they do not cease immediately I will contact the police.

Most of the time you get abused and told what to do.

From my point I have given them the opportunity to cease and if they do not then I contact the police.

These people are aware that I ring the police and afterwards a car will drive past our house and yell abuse and call my wife and myself some of the worst names imaginable.

The abuse and threats are not acceptable to me or my family.

At times you feel threatened for your safety by the extent and intent of the threats and are left wondering if they will carry out the threats at some time or under the cover of darkness.

They will often do wheel spins, doughnuts on the footpath in front of the house as they continue to yell abuse.

This was also reported to the police.

Action Taken:

When I become aware of the motor bikes I contact the local police station by phone.

As most of this activity is outside office hours the calls then go though to the Toowoomba Station.

I am also aware that other residents are also contacting the police.

Police Action:

The police action has been mixed.

On rare occasions they will do a drive by and have actually caught some of the offenders.

On other occasions they will arrive an hour or so after the event and the offenders have already left the scene.

It must also be stated that I am well aware that the police often have other situations that may have a high priority and these should be given the priority they deserve.

Unfortunately most of the time the calls are taken and there appears to be no response.

The police answering the call also give a mixed reception with some being kind and considerate, to others who believe you are making a nuisance by complaining about such trivial things and they have better things to do than chase kids on unregistered motor bikes.

Council action:

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Letters have been sent to council seeking an upgrade of the streets to gravel standard and also request for fencing of the park.

Unfortunately this has not been programmed for any future funding at this stage.

I think areas should be placed aside for activities such as the riding of motor bikes, however the area should be in a place and position that its location does not impede on the general community.

Rights and Obligations:

I am a strong believer in Rights and Obligations of a person, group, clubs or Organisations.

A lot of people claim they have a right to perform certain actions and they are generally reluctant to look at the obligations that come with those rights.

Rights:

- A person has the right to own a motor vehicle.
- A person has the right to own a motor bike.
- A person has the right to drive the vehicle.
- A person has the right to ride a motor cycle.
- A person has the right to drive or ride on a public road.

Obligations:

- If they chose to drive or ride on a public road they have an obligation to have a licence.
- They have an obligation to have the vehicle or motor bike insured to third party at a minimum.
- They have an obligation to have the vehicle or motor bike registered.
- They also have obligations to neighbours and adjacent landholders.
- Those obligations extend to noise pollution, dust pollution, flowing over to adjacent landholders.

Closing Statements.

It is my submission that person who has the right to perform certain actions either in or on public or private land must also have obligations to ensure that the activity they are participating in does not impede on other peoples privacy. This extends to dust, or noises emanating from say a motor bike. The law should reflect this to protect the individual householder or landholder and general community. The impounding of vehicles and or motor bikes should be encouraged and continued as in most cases youths avoid any punishment or fines for a variety of reasons such as age, not working, no financial income. Some suggest making parents responsible for the actions of their children. Whilst this may have some merit, I think that a lot of discussion and debate would need to occur as I can see many problems with this proposal. I feel the public and police need to be made aware of the legislation for the benefits of the legislation to flow through to the community.

Overall, I would submit that the new laws have not been as successful as some may believe. This I feel is more due to a lack of training, awareness, education and advertising to make all parties aware of the legislation.

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I would like to thank you for allowing me to submit my submissions.

Yours Sincerely
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15 / 08 / 2008

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CMC Review
Nadine Sefert GPO Box 3123
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Over breakfast recently, we read the Mt Tamborine news in relation to "TRAIL BIKE HOONING" and a call for submission.

My partner and I leave at () It is a dead end street so technically only residents, their guests and the odd curious buyer venture this way.

Just about half way we have a lovely park that the residents of () must pay a percentage of their rates to maintain. However, every weekend it is subjected to bikers and car drivers alike tearing up the lovely grassed area at all hours. The park needs a low level fence, where horses and walkers can access and vehicles can not.

Secondly, every Sunday primarily, but the odd Saturday as well, we have anywhere from 2-6 unregistered bush bikes with riders between 12 - 30 years old, enter () and spend the next couple hours hooning through the high are national park. Every weekend our peace and quiet is violated by this. In addition, they frequently leave the bush and the lane at full speed, threatening others driving home. Once I had one of them scare my horse whilst riding, and once I almost collided head on with a rider, who was in the middle of the road at full speed and appeared around 15 years old. I am not sure who got the biggest fright.

I am pleased you are acting on public concern and request that you take mine and others concerns very seriously. I would also like to request you get the QPS involved as well , as they certainly have a role in community monitoring.

Thank you for your public concern

Individual Submission 357

To: Nadine Seifert
Date: 1/07/2008
Subject: CMC Review of Motorbike Noise Laws

hi there, Yes i can see this becoming a bigger and bigger problem.

As councils keep closing motorcycle and other motor sport clubs and facilities.

It seems to me that law enforcement and the councils are working against each other. I can see there is a problem with illegal riding in bush land near or with suburban area.

I was guilty of taking the family down to the local bush land for a ride on Sundays etc. until 2 years ago, when joined the stanmoremx club, we haven't been back to the bush land since.

We have lost or losing so many motor sport facilities in the south east it is getting harder to do sports legally:

We have lost:	Dalington park	yatala
	Gold Coast cart club	Ormeau
	Wheel Standers	Oxley
	Sleemans sports center	
	motocross practices	Capalaba
We face losing:	Reedy creek Raceway	Reedy Creek
	Stanmoremx	yatala
	Wrx & buggy experience	Pimpama

Just a few i know of. Here is a article on my and other club member views on the impending closer of stanmore motocross club:

My family are members of the Albert District Motorcycle Club (ADMC) located at Stanmore Park, Yatala. Our club is facing closure due to the Gold Coast Council possibly not renewing our lease in October 2008. The reason for non renewal of lease is because of noise and dust complaints from local residents.

A bit of background info on our club. The club has been located at this location in excess of 30 years and provides and maintains a motocross track for its approx 800 members and visiting riders from other clubs. We conduct practice on weekends for approximately 220 riders and generally once a month we conduct a race meeting with about an average of 190 riders attending. The

club has constructed 3 dam's fitted 2 pumps and an array of sprinklers and hoses to control dust. The club has spent considerable amount of money constructing a sound barrier wall and planted trees and scrubs to suppress noise from the track.

The club provides a safe and supervised track for riders to participate in their chosen sport. The club also provides a venue for coaches to teach riders of all riding abilities. It is also a requirement of Motorcycling QLD that all riders under the age of 16 must complete 5 hours of training a year before their licence can be renewed.

At all practice sessions there are first aid trained members on site and on club days an ambulance is in attendance to provide medical assistance to injured riders. The cost of this is provided by the club. It is gives me peace of mind to know if either myself or my child is injured we will receive timely assistance. If we are forced to ride in other locations this medical assistance is not commonly available.

The club provides a family friendly and safe environment to pursue our chosen sport. On club days it is common to see 3 generations of a family their supporting family members.

During a club day a noise test was conducted by the Gold Coast Council within the residential area and indicated that noise levels from the track were within required limit. The club actively conducts noise testing and any bikes that fail are not allowed to ride until under the limit.

The track was established well before residents moved into the area. Also a large proportion of the area around the track is commercial land. It is the clubs belief that residents would have known the track was there prior to purchasing their properties. It is a bit late now to complain about the location of the track.

If the club was to close it would leave a large number of riders with nowhere to ride legally in the local area. The council is well aware of the number of off road motorbike accidents that have happening in illegal and unsupervised riding areas. I as a club member don't want to see members put into the situation where they may have to ride illegally to pursue their sport and recreation interests.

As a sporting facility within the Gold Coast council area, it does not cost the council anything to run or maintain the facility. The club has borne the cost of building the infrastructure to support the running of our club. Compare this to the councils cost to maintain football and other sporting facilities within the council and council is committed to provide \$3.7 million for youth facilities like a skate village and BMX park within the council area.

Thank you for your time,

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PS: I do have one suggestion other than closing clubs down, why not have a recreational registration so that enthuses could ride in national parks or

foresties on trail rides, like Glass House Mountains as an example.

Thanks again.

13th August 2008

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

Dear Nadine,

My wife and I live in an area zoned "Rural Residential" and have a constant problem with noise associated with the riding of un-registered trail bikes on which is a gravel road running parallel to, and to the east of Although it is a gravel road, it is also a public gazetted road with houses the whole length of the road on acreage properties.

A number of the residents of have taken it upon themselves to speak to police at Buderim in person, write to the owner of the main property involved, talk to the riders concerned, and ring Maroochydore Police each time the bikes are taken out and ridden.

So far there has been no result that I am aware of since the 3rd June when we started to try and alleviate the problem.

The last feed back we had was from a Sergeant at Maroochydore who stated that they were powerless to act unless they can catch the riders "in the act". This would appear to explain why there has been no result as there is very little chance of the police being there at the crucial time, especially as the bikes are also ridden into the bush.

The noise from these bikes is considerable as they have little or no exhaust and are ridden at maximum speed to achieve the thrill that most if not all trail bike riders seek. I also understand that quite apart from the noise, it is illegal to ride an un-registered bike on a public road, so there are two issues involved here.

I would suggest that the vast majority of residents of I are seeking an end to this problem - obviously along with many other people in lots of other areas, and it would appear that the present legislation is not solving the problem. We can only hope therefore that the CMC review recognizes that there is still an issue that needs to be addressed.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Sir,

I wish to submit the following in relation to the subject of hooning and use of trail bikes.

I have for over 11 years lived at the above address in a suburb surrounded by state forest, and throughout that time have been extremely annoyed by the noise of trail bikes on tracks and fire-breaks within the forest. This activity has been on a daily basis, from first light in the morning until nightfall, and in spite of many notices indicating that use of motorised vehicles in the state forest is illegal.

The constant passage of trail bikes and 4 wheel-drives has over the years turned narrow walking tracks into deeply rutted roadways, and has eroded many thousands of cubic metres of topsoil from the tracks. During periods of heavy rainfall, the loosened soil is carried by cascading water down to the Neesa River estuary where it has settled and is now blocking the river mouth, to the annoyance of boat owners.

Forest tracks between the (in the vicinity of Timberwah and Neesa Parklands suburbs) and are routinely being used as a short-cut to avoid driving into and using the approved road route. Most however enter the forest simply to race and hoon around aimlessly, unconcerned about the damage caused to vegetation, the ruts and churned up quagmires they create, or the rubbish they deposit (glass bottles, cans, food wrappings, etc).

Some of the trail bike riders appear to be as young as 6 or 7 years old and race around at high speed, no doubt without insurance or registration, often without helmets and certainly with little regard for persons walking in the forest.

I was pleased when ^{an old bullock} track winding through the forest, was closed to through traffic last year. I hoped it would be dug up and re-vegetated.

and the approved, licensed hoonies who are permitted to use it. This practice was described in a local newspaper as "heaven on earth" for the participating drivers. I can assure you however that it is hell on earth for the residents of surrounding suburbs who, over the course of an entire weekend, have to listen to the scream of rubber tyres and the roar of high-powered engines as 175 cars each makes 7 ascents of the uphill course. And this through an area designated a "fauna and flora sanctuary"! It would be funny if it were not obscene.

I have over the years written about the unlawful use of vehicles in the forest to numerous politicians and persons of influence, including Warren Truss MP, State government Environment ministers and local councillors - all to no avail. The unlawful activity ceased for a while some months ago when the state police launched a weekend blitz, but has since resumed, and is again a daily occurrence.

I would like to see the use of excessively noisy machines

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such as trail bikes (and jet skis) restricted absolutely to those who have a real and genuine need for them such as police, forest and river rangers, farmers and other authorised persons. The entire peace-loving community should not have to suffer the constant noise pollution inflicted by a selfish, uncaring, un-civil minority.

Yours faithfully

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I have lived at Glasshouse Mountains, QLD 4518, since 29/9/2005 and during my time here have to say that the frequency, quantity, noise levels and general nuisance of the dirt bike has increased dramatically over the nearly 3 years at this address.

Every weekend day and every public holiday my family and I are subjected to the relentless noise of dirt bikes, they start arriving at about 06:30 and continue until about 15:30, this is every Saturday and every Sunday without fail. Any attempt by authorities and any legislation have had absolutely no effect in reducing the impact on my quality of my family's and my quality of life.

On Saturday mornings up to 20 motor vehicles can be found with bike trailers parked at or around the Glasshouse Mountains Lookout from 6:30 onwards. The total contempt for the laws, road rules, resident rights, other road users safety, respect for private property and environmental impact is astonishing and very very frustrating. Police seem powerless to stop the law breakers as pursuit by patrol cars is pointless when the bikes simply hop off the road onto a dirt track.

Over the last 2 years numerous incidents have been inflicted on me or my property by untraceable hooligans on dirt bikes, for example, I have been deliberately stoned by the spinning back wheel of a dirt bike (sound ridiculous but the stones fly at high speed when the rider spins his wheel deliberately once he has lined a person up with his wheel.

I have had my Cattle fence cut by riders trying to create a new track between two roads.

I have had my car windscreen cracked by flying stones thrown up from an unregistered dirt bike travelling along when the ride started to travel along the road shoulder and wheel spin for some reason.

I have been threatened when informing an unregistered, uninsured, unlicensed rider that I was going to call the Police because he was using the public road.

These bike are a danger to other road users and a liability to the public, riders can be seen over the entire weekend blatantly using the public roads whilst riding bikes that are, uninsured, unroadworthy, unlicensed and unregistered, they are a hazard and need to be stopped. On the public dirt roads in and around the Glass House Mountains, bike have meeting where races are ridden at high speed sometimes comprising 10 or more bikes, any car coming in the other direction will be at risk of collision with the bikes.

I do not know what the solution is but restricting noise levels to a reasonable level and enforcing the rules of the road (as is done with any other category of road users) must be done, maybe motorcycle equipped patrol officers can patrol and peruse offender.

These bikes are so noisy and the riders so inconsiderate that I am considering selling my property and moving, that is how much my quality of life is being impacted

Please do something about it.

This is a view that seems to be common around my area as I have spoken to some of my neighbours about the issue.

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CMC Review of Motorbike Noise Laws
Attention: Nadine Seifert
BY FACSIMILE: (07) 3360 6333

RE: SUBMISSIONS RE MOTORBIKE NOISE LAWS - 15 AUGUST 2008

We live on acreage property at _____ which is zoned rural residential and have experienced first hand the problem of trail bike menace by an immediate neighbour.

They constantly rode the trail bikes on a purpose built motorcross track on their property, as well as inviting groups of their friends to ride on their property. This went on for two (2) years or more until they moved.

In this period, a number of residents that live in this area called the police on numerous occasions. These activities would only stop for a short period and they would start again in full force with little regard to the police visits. A group of residents also made formal complaints to the Gold Coast City Council but were told it was a police matter.

There are other properties in this area where similar activities are still continuing, which affects the lifestyle of people who purchased property in a rural area for the peace and quiet.

Another big problem _____ found through first hand experience is the problem of trail bikes being ridden in the Numinbah Valley State Forest and the Nerang State Forest. In the period from December 2007 until July 2008 he was training on the fire trails of both these State Forests for the Gold Coast Kokoda Challenge held on 19 July 2008.

On a weekly basis _____ witnessed motorbikes being ridden in the State Forest and the damage they do to the trails. The damage is multiplied when it rains and makes deep ruts where the bikes have been ridden. Their main aim seems to be to cause as much destruction as possible to the tracks by spinning the wheels, not to mention the noise pollution. The gates on these areas are clearly marked "motorbikes prohibited" but they show no regard for the Laws.

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has also spoken to a number of young people riding horses on these tracks who say that their horses have been spooked by the motorbikes and have nearly caused accidents.

These people seem to have no respect for the Law or the environment, or any consideration for people around them whatsoever. The Laws need to be toughened to impound trail bikes and enforce strict fines for repeated offences on private property and especially if caught in the State Forests.

We are very interested in knowing the outcome of the CMC review and welcome a tough stance being taken to the way in which complaints are responded to.

Yours faithfully,

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