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Nadine,

Whitsunday Regional Council would like to make the following comments:

Council has received limited noise complaints regarding Off Road Motorbikes. However, one complaint has been received recently regarding the building of a motorbike track at a private resident's property in which they intend to ride their motorbikes every weekend with friends. The local Police have already been involved in this matter and have already issued a Noise Abatement Notice.

Council is currently obtaining more information regarding this complaint – if the bike track will be used on a commercial basis a Material Change of Use will need to be applied for with Town Planning and an ERA for Motor Racing.

Council has no Local Laws regarding the noise of motor bikes/ trail bikes. For noise complaints such as gardening equipment and mowers Council follows the regulated devices offences as outlined in the Environmental Protection Regulation 1998. Council believes that the new Police Powers and Responsibilities (Motorbike Noise) Amendment Act is working especially when the bikes are impounded. If there are numerous complaints and issues the Police have the power to issue a Noise Abatement Order which can impose restrictions on the riding of the motorbike for a period of up to two years.

Regards

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