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

18th July 2008

Dear Ms Seifert;

Re Invitation for public comment

We refer to your advertisement calling for public comment on Motor Cycle Noise. Our association is most concerned about trail bike riding by unlicensed riders and unregistered bikes and we have written to the various Ministers and Local Members of Parliament.

Attached is a copy of our correspondence to the Minister of Transport and a letter in the same vein was forwarded to the Minister for Police.

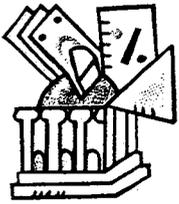
Sincerely,

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**Hon John Mickel, MP
Minister for Transport,
GPO Box 2644,
BRISBANE QLD 4001**

23 March, 2008

Dear Minister;

Trail Bike riding

Our association is very concerned about nuisance trail bike riding with the riders unable to be identified after they decamp.

While these trail bikes do not comply for road use it is felt that they still need to be identifiable in regard to breaches of the law.

We write seeking consideration of a new category of motor cycle registration that while not requiring the bike to meet road standards, all off road motorcycles be required to display a clear identity plate.

Our next meeting is on 22nd April 2008 and it would be appreciated if we could receive your reply by 15th April 2008.

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28 APR 2008

Mr Peter Bryant OAM
Secretary
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Dear Mr Bryant

Thank you for your letter dated 23 March 2008 to the Honourable John Mickel MP, Minister for Transport, Trade, Employment and Industrial Relations regarding the concerns your association has with trail bikes. The Minister has asked that I respond on his behalf.

Queensland Transport requires any vehicle that is used on a road to be registered. Motorbikes used on roads including in urban areas such as local suburbs and streets are required to be registered and the motorbike rider must hold the appropriate driver licence, either an RE or R class licence.

I am advised that an off-road trail bike is a non-complying vehicle and is not built or designed to meet the relevant Australian Design Rules. However, an off-road trail bike may be registered under conditional registration. Its operation is restricted to a designated area, designated route and/or restricted to loading and unloading the bike.

Recreational trail bike usage is a major issue that councils and police are faced with in many areas of Queensland. You might be interested to access the website www.outdoorsqueensland.com which contains useful information about trail bike riding. The website contains a report titled 'Solution to Unlawful Trail Bike Riding in South East Queensland', produced by the South East Queensland Trail Bike Management Forum.

Queensland Transport advises it does not have a role in vehicle identification beyond its role in registration.

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Queensland Police Service is responsible for addressing unlawful trail bike riding and unsafe behaviour of riders in off-road situations. A copy of your letter has been forwarded to the Honourable Judy Spence MP, Minister for Police, Corrective Services and Sport for her consideration and reply direct to you.

I trust this information is helpful to you. If you require further information, please contact Ms Anne Kirby, Land Transport and Safety on (07) 3253 4113.

Yours sincerely



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