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Myself my wife and our two kids like to take our quad bikes there and go for a ride through the forest tracks. I can not understand why the track is closed. Obviously there are idiots who dump rubbish in the forest and maybe if people were allowed to be there the ones causing the mess might actually go to the tip. It is a perfect area for a bike ride and the government needs to wake up and realize not every one stays at home to watch tv or go to pubs to drink. They have already shut down nearly all 4wd and off road tracks even though they will just bulldoze most of them and build houses on them. It has become a bloody joke!

we need some where to ride with our lil one its there pashion and why would you take it away from them please let us ride freely and then there will be less illegal ride out there we should not have to travel so far for our hobbies thank you and please let us ride happily ricky

The Kwinana facility is well situated and could be developed into an effective ORV area. Given the urgent need for ORV facilities in the southern suburbs, the Kwinana facility should be seriously considered for retention.

the council want riders to stop illegally riding on the road but they want to shut down our own riding area, the government's always complaining about budgets and stuff, so why not just maintain a ready build off road area, but by all means build a new one. in regards to liability just put a couple of signs just sayn ride at your own risk to cover there own ass.

Sales of offroad vehicles indicate increased demand, however there are limited legal and safe offroad facilities, particularly for families and parents with young children. Providing legal areas will also reduce the incidence of offroad vehicles being used in inappropriate areas and the related damage caused. There are no alternate areas in the southern suburbs, and the environmental impact of using this area for offroad vehicles would appear minimal.

There is a need for riders young and old to have a local place to ride, have fun and for some, gain more experience with their bikes.

Motorcycling is a very popular sport, and the closure only leads to kids doing other activities that are more detrimental to the environment and their health. Motorcycling when conducted in an organised and supervised environment is very healthy for individuals, businesses and the community in general. With minimal offroad riding areas available, another closure is something that concerns me greatly, as kids need a safe, healthy and family orientated outlet where they can ride. Please keep it open.

I need a place to be able to ride with my 13 year old son. We would not race on motocross tracks and there are hardly any riding areas for us to go.

There is simply no other accessible area to use off road vehicles legally. I enjoy 4WDing occasional riding and soon plan to build an off road buggy for my family and have no idea where else to go locally that is legal. One of the most enjoyable aspects of the Australian and more so western Australian lifestyle is our love of outdoor activities. Closure of more off road areas hits one of the most popular segments of this hard.

It is a safe, legal place to ride my bike.

WE HAVE THREE CHILDREN BETWEEN THE AGES OF 2&10 YRS THEY ALL HAVE BIKES AND LOVE ANY CHANCE TO GET A RIDE IN WETHER IT'S 2 HRS OR THE WHOLE DAY. WITH THE CONSENT CLOSURE OF RIDING AREAS IT'S BECOME A JOKE JUST TO TAKE THE KIDS OUT FOR A RIDE. RIDING A TRAIL BIKE FOR SOME IS A GOOD WAY TO LET OFF STEAM, CLEAR THE MIND AND FOR PARENTS IT'S A TIME TO WATCH KIDS ENJOY THEMSELVES AND AT THE SAME TIME RELAX. IN CLOSING THE THOMAS ROAD ORV AREA OLDER TEENAGES AND ADULTS WILL SIMPLY FIND SOME WHERE ELSE TO RIDE THIS IS USALLY PRIVATE PROPERTY AND EVEN OUR PUBLIC ROADS INWHICH CAUSES MORE HARM THEN GOOD. I KNOW I'D RATHER HAVE THE BIKES IN AN AREA AWAY FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND OFF THE ROADS.

The facility is necessary to give local riders a safe, legal place to ride and somewhere legal to take their kids.

There are inadquate venues to use safely around Perth the only available legal venues are overcrowded

I have two liscensed offroad vehicles.I live in rockingham therefore i vote 'yes' for my family and myself. 5 Votes P.S We all ride the bikes

There is a need for an area for locals to ride, the nearest legal area is gnangara pines and for someone who lives in Port Kennedy that's a long way to travel. I believe that haveing somewhere to legally ride will help to reduce the amount of illegal riding happening all over the place, I for one would stop riding illegally.

We need an area south of the river to ride legally. We currently ride illegally in the Canningvale area. This area is about to be built out & i keep on hearing that rangers are trying to get people out of the area. I ride quads with my two kids-we need an area south of the river. I suggest you open the beeliar parkland area opposite the new latitude 32 development. (between Alcoa & Wattelup).This area would be perfect to use ie no houses, already close to motorsport facilities & this area is heavily polluted by the Alcoa refinery. I used to ride in this area 20 years ago. Regards Mark Wilman

Over the years I have thoroughly enjoyed using the Kwinana off road area.It provides many different terrains from flat and hilly sand to rock climbs,there are fast trails and technical trails,mud and some jumps.I enjoyed it as a teenager and now that I have my own family have used the area to teach my kids to ride,I see many other families doing the same thing.There are quite areas to teach kids and enough variation in terrain to keep me amused,all in all one of the better off road areas around ,it is a pity to see it closed as the vast majority of users used it well.Now there is one more place where my kids wont be able to enjoy the experiences that I had in my younger life.

I used to live on small wellard road and after the off road area was closed at least 5 bikes a day would go past my house. People should have somewhere to ride safely. If you look up off road areas, they are all far North like Gingin, Wanneroo and Lancelin. There should be off-road areas in the southern suburbs where people can enjoy off-road vehicles legally.

The lack of riding areas in Perth makes riders, ride in the wrong places and putting themselves in danger. Keeping the area open will allow for people to ride in the right place and not upset the local authorities or residence of other areas.

ive been riding at kwinana off road track for the past 12 years...i learnt to ride there .it was the only legal place to ride sth of the river,fo example when it was open you would get say 70-80% of people doing the right thing and using the facility,but now with it closed you get busted riding there the same as you would riding in the local park sowhat you think the kids are going to do??? my wife.myself and our friends used to make a day out there we would go early in the morning take the barby and have a good day out.i now live in hillman so it was close and convient,but now its closed ive either had to ride there illegally or go to other illegal sites,it was a good family orrientated ara and i think it should be re-opened -possibly with more supervision ?? youre still going to get the twits doing the wrong thing but re opening should slow it down thanks!!

we need it

It is the only training area available for riders south of the river who can't afford to have their own property to ride on. The Council and Community should support people who have healthy pass-times such as riding and provide suitable places to go. This way people will not be tempted to ride in inappropriate areas.

All sporting activities should be encouraged. Proper off road areas are too few and to lose one would encourage unconstrained use. Keep these areas open.

Places where I can take my family riding are few and far between. Trail bike riders deserve a proper and legal place to ride just as much as other motor sports.

we as off road motorcyclists need a facility south of the river and as the Thomas Road area has a half decent off road area it would make sense to keep it open.

Riding is a family recreation, Closing will force people into other arleady congested off road areas making them even congested and unsafe. My concerns are everywhere close down, People either stop riding (This wont happen) or the only place they can ride is illegal place. No Option for them. I am licensed and registered, but I had to learn and become older enough to get a license and become registered.

to keep riders off the streets and to stop injuring passerbys and to stop ripping up lawns and ovals i think it should defferently stay open!!

With no place for families to ride they are forced to ride in other, possibly illegal, and most often more dangerous places. Trail riders deserve the same benefits afforded to people who participate in other sports and activities, a safe and legal place to have fun.

As a family of four (kids 8 & 10) from the suburbs, we need safe & interesting places for us to ride together. We don't want to race, we just want to enjoy the great outdoors of WA from the back of our trail bikes.

This kind of resource is sadly missing from areas close to perth and many families need these areas for open space enjoyment of 4wd and off road motorcycles. Without these areas, Parks lands and the like areas become used by people who have no where to go and use a properly designated area.

It is good to have places where families can ride together legally.

If you want off road bikes OFF THE ROAD and PARKS you need an area designated south of the river. Address the problem you can not stick your head sand and have no areas to ride. How many bike are riding illegally due to the fact there is no area?

The Mandurah area, although one of the fastest growing areas in Australia - does not have a dedicated off-road facility. The Thomas road area needs to be maintained but improved to cater for various riding skills & riding types - otherwise it is 'uncontrolled'. Junior, beginner, amateur/trail & motocross skills need to be catered for somehow otherwise the areas become uncontrolled risks.

AS IT STANDS NOW THERE ARE NO OTHER LEGAL RIDING AREAS FOR PEOPLE SOUTH OF THE RIVER. I LIVE NORTH OF THE RIVER BUT HAVE BEEN TO THE KWINANA RIDE AREA A FEW YEARS AGO WHEN IT WAS STILL LEGAL, WASN'T TOO EXCITING BUT AT LEAST IT WAS LEGAL AND THE AREA IS FAR ENOUGH AWAY FROM HOMES TO NOT CAUSE ANY CONFLICT.

Area's with close proximity to people's homes are much needed especially when young children are learning to ride with parents as long travel times to area's for a short ride can make it just all too hard! or worse still illegal area riding.

I have been a recreational motorcycle and four wheel driver for over 30 years. I first came to use the Kwinana off road vehicle area in 1986 when I moved from the country to live in Perth, I am horrified at the suggestion that there will be no area in the Southern suburbs for people to use their off road vehicles. Which will no doubt lead to more people using their machines in areas that they are not supposed to be in, this in turn will brand everyone with an off road vehicle as a bad element in our society, which is entirely untrue. I would be the first one to say that the Kwinana off road vehicle area needs to be managed in a completely different manner to the way it has been in the past. So let's form a committee of people with an interest in the future of our youth to figure out the best way to manage this incredible resource which could be used to greatly benefit our community, rather than let it go and force everyone with an off road vehicle to break the law and destroy sensitive areas of bush land.

My wife and I enjoy dirt bike riding as do many of my friends. I have been riding since I was 4 years old and never at a motocross track, my friends and I wish to have just some place to ride our bikes without the confines of a one way, small track, as we have we have enjoyed for many years. THE CONTROL OF VEHICLES (OFF-ROAD AREAS) ACT 1978. DID NOT JUST SET OUT TO REMOVE AREAS FROM US, TO GO OFF ROAD, BUT TO PROVIDE AREAS FOR US TO GO OFF-ROAD. HENCE WITHOUT ROCKING AND KWINANA I WOULD HAVE THOUGHT THE ACT IS FALLING US.

It is close to where I live. It is an hour drive to Gnangara for me, if the Kwinana area is reopened I would use it and I am sure that my friends who also travel to Gnangara would use it as well.

This facility should remain open as there is nowhere near enough places for kids to ride. I'm 41 and have two licensed R/T bikes and am teaching my 14 year old son to ride at the moment and areas like this are needed for all members of the public to have a fun day out. It's hard enough now trying to take my son places to teach him to ride. The more places closed down the more people will ride in parks and on the roads. Life is made up of all types of people and it would be unfair to single out bike riders and off road vehicle users. We need places like this kept for all people.

There are not enough places to legally ride here in Perth.

For offroad riders are limited to very few places which are over crowded therefore unsafe. We need as many ORV facilities as possible with such a large and growing sport.

It provides people with a legal / legitimate area to ride. If there is nowhere to ride without half a days travel with a trailer, people will continue to ride where they are not welcome. It may reduce the instances of nuisance riders riding where they shouldn't. It's location is convenient as I live nearby, and it is a reasonable distance from residential housing so noise issues will be reduced. Not everyone wants to ride on motorcross tracks or competitively, riders need an area they can ride in a relaxed, family friendly environment. Young (unlicensed) riders need safe areas to ride. If the area is maintained, risk to riders and spectators will be reduced. It may attract tourists and visitors to the town of Kwinana thereby helping local businesses. The opportunity for clubs to host events at the off road area may increase tourism and visitors. There is already a motorsport complex in the immediate area (Perth Motorplex)

If the council and government move to close this area, where do riders go to? People do not want to travel long distances to ride, therefore they are forcing people to just ride wherever they can get away with it. Lets have gazetted areas to ride with some rules and facilities for the increasing numbers of bikers to ride.

As A family we need an area in the southern suburbs that we can legally ride in. At the moment we have to either travel north off Perth or ride in areas that have no control and no facilities.

There is no place i can use my off-road buggy legally without having to travel north of perth to Gnangara and Lancelin or further south 190km to a friends farm, south of Narrogin W.A. As i have a family it is important to us that this area is protected, available and managed appropriately to enable future generations to come can enjoy using off-road vehicles safely and without having to break the law when enjoying their chosen hobby and sport.

This is an enjoyable family sport but we need somewhere legal & safe to ride. Riders will still ride but they continue to do so, illegally, in an unsafe manor because they have no other choice.

We need areas to ride in within our families without being forced to ride in areas we should not.

i read in our local paper the telegraph that the kwinana police are cracking down trail bike riders due to a death of a 70 year old man. my thought is they shouldn't ride there bikes on ovals and parks and roads but if they start cracking down and shut down thomas road i will guarantee you that they will be all over the ovals and parks,so i say to the police and the council think very hard before you make the wrong choice we dirt bike riders need a place to ride.

There is a need for a managed ride area south of perth.This area could be suitable if bordered correctly to keep out stolen ,dumped vehicles and rubbish which is often the cause of bush fires in the area . I am a Yangebup resident and cant take my family any where within 1hr from home for a ride .We are a family of six with 3 unregistered off road vehicles and 1 registered/enduro. Motorcycling is a sport/recreation and should be catered for as are other activities.

The good kids and their dads have no where to ride anymore. Our bikes are just sitting in the garage, not being used because we have no where to ride them safely and legally anymore. We are not all interested in breaking the law and tearing up the parks and nature reserves; so once again the bad few have wrecked it for everyone else. Thank you Bronwyn, Tim, Tom James and Will Eggleton

because many people do not want to ride on the road and get hit by a truck, ride somewhere we will get our bikes confiscated, spend 100 bucks on fuel getting to the legal orv. Also the people that live around the illegal riding spots would be pissed off.

It is one of the only places in which riders may still go out and do what they love without breaking the law.

The lack of off road riding areas promotes illegal and irresponsible activities because people cannot legally pursue their hobbies relatively close to home. The more the government restricts access to bushland and closes venues such as Thomas Road the greater the burden on law enforcement and rangers whose jobs will be made increasingly difficult by riders who will inevitably ride where they are not supposed to because there will be nowhere in this great country of ours where we will legally be able to ride. Perhaps the very sad incident of the Orelia man who died of a heart attack while attempting to chase off kids riding dirtbikes on his local oval would not have happened if those teenagers had a decent, legal, and managed area to ride in? Perhaps not, but we will never know if the riding areas keep closing!

Families of all ages enjoy riding on the Thomas Rd Medina Off Road Vehicle Facility, to close such a wonderful riding area will be another black day for sports within WA. Areas like this should be improved and NOT shut, this will allow families to enjoy this hobby well into the future.

its hard enough to find legal places to ride. The more they close, the more likely riders are to ride illegally. I dont use or need the Kwinana area, but there are people who do .

I myself ride and my four young sons are just getting into the sport but with a lack of a "community" or "family" area in the southern suburbs we have very limited oppurtunities to take them out to teach the basics and enjoy a enviornment where they can do things at there own pace before looking ast possibly getting more involved and joining a club. Right now we would have to go all the way to Woddridges for them to ride on a dedicated quad track and there is only place south of the river for non licenced motorbikes. With careful planning and management the ORV area at Kwinana would provide a benefical area to foster these young kids but also provide a legal place for all kinds of riders.

There are little or NO areas remaining open. We nneed these areas so that people riding trailbikes, and other off road vehicles have somewhere safe and legal to operate. I dont feel that this is a case of want but of neccesity.

It provides a designated area for Off Road Vehicles that can allow better management of the areas that are currently being used illegally. When there is no areas within reasonable reach of the riding public councils and authorities will always have issues with illegal riding. It will also promote responsible riding within the area as more parents and mentors will be involved if for no other reason than to get the riders legally to the venue. To have so many commercial outlets sell equipment that cant be legally used within hours of the point of sale is both foolish and irresponsible.

it awsome. great placce.

We need somewhere to ride, so we don't ride illegally.

Without places to ride, idiots will ride in places and get in the road of the public. If we have places to ride we won't get in the rode of others and you know we wont give people heart attacks DERR!

well i got realy peeved when i heard about wta the cop said to us in that article about teh guy that died of an heart attack when two guys were riding on an oval. i knwo that it is wrong and reakly bad to ride on an oval but Sen.Sgt Troy said "These motorcycle riders need to get it through their thick skulls that no one has got any time for them". I got quite angry then but lukily i found this article. if we had legal places that we could go riding then no one would ride on oval. instead they would go to somehwere that theya re alloud to. by opening the kwinana riding area there will be less accdidents liek this to iniccet people. that smaertest thing for the council to do would be to re open it and there fore there will be kless accidnets out fo that area. thankyou

this a fantastic family sport that teaches young children discipline, rules and driving skills that will help them when they finally hit the roads. currently there is no legal area to ride south of the river and this is worrying. when i first introduced my son to this sport, we used the kwinana facility but since it's closure we have had to find alternative places to ride which in the laws eyes is illegal. it seems ludicrous that with all the publicity especially with the within the kwinana town about illegal trail bike riding, the council decide to close the only legal area to ride. people who enjoy this sport will ride regardless of an allocated area or not, therefore give them a choice to ride legally within the reserves allocated and toughen the penalties for those caught riding outside of the areas IE seizure of their vehicle. as this is classed as a sport it should be treated like any other sport IE football, basketball etc and be supported by the local council.

I believe the kwinana off road area should be kept open because as you say it is the only one south of the river. As it currently stands my family and my friends who ride have to travel a minimum of one and a half hours to go riding. We all live and work in the Rockingham/Kwinana area. I think if there was communication between the riders and the authorities a solution could be reached. If the authorities came to the party i'm sure the riders would be more than happy to co-operate.

It is preferrable that people who choose to ride have a space where they can do it legally. Teenagers particularly, that have an interest (that is not tagging, hanging around the shopping centre, drinking or taking drugs) should be encouraged. If an area can be provided that is at the users own risk, then it should be done! I think it can and should be as a positive community minded step.

People who enjoy riding motorbikes need somewhere to go! If there is nowhere legal, then riders will have no choice but to ride where they are not surposed to be. It is much better to provide space where people can legally enjoy doing what they like.

Please keep this area open for offroad riding. as you say the closest place for people in the southern suburbs is gngangara. being a southern suburbs person it would be great to have somewhere a little closer to home to go for a ride. motorbikes are great fun and the sport is getting alot more popular but it seems riding places are getting harder to find. thats my two cents anyhow. cheers.

there is nowhere to ride off-road vehicles legally SOR. spending half the day driving to gnangara to ride is forcing people to ride illegally which makes our chosen sport seem bad to the public for no reason.

There is no where else to ride in Rockingham or Kwinana and my children like riding but i have to drive for at least 1 hour to find any where for them to ride so please reopen the Medina offroad area

I live in the Byford area and to travel to Gnangara to ride is just too far. Therefore if the Kwinana area was re-opened more south of the river riders (myself included) would be able to ride more often in a safe environment, reducing illegal riding in the southern areas.

we need somewhere to ride our bikes and to teach our kids how to ride.

give them a place to ride

The young ones need a place to ride

My partner and i used to ride at the Thomas Rd off Road area untill it became way to overcrowded and riding conditions just became to dangerous. We now ride out on a reserve near gosnells which is a great riding spot and gets quiet busy on the weekends. it is safe for all levels and aged riders, with what seems to be more respect from other riders.. South of the river NEEDS a off road area, because the amount of people riding offroad bikes now is growing faster then ever. Some people even take to riding around the streets because there is just no were suitable to ride.. and then take the rise of serious injury / fines or even confiscation of there bike. I believe if there is a new off road area to go to.. with even a small entry fee (to basically maintain the area) people will be more then happy to pay and enjoy a good place to ride! i dont think the local government understand how big this sport actually is.. i am more then happy and willing to support this

Because it was the only approved area available in the southern area. It is not acceptable that all of the areas are under threat of closure. We are all ratepayers and tax payers and are entitled to the same consideration as other users of bush land such as horse riders mountain bikers etc.

me and my friends all go out and have a good time now we cant due to the closure of the area. if you open the off road area again then there will be lots less of illegal bike riding on main streets

the kids love it and so do all the adults. its a great riding area and has lots of various conditions of riding for all expertice. if the area is opened up again it will keep all the "young hooligans" off the street and in the bush were they cant cause any harm to the public.

The kids have nowhere else to ride. Closing the area will only cause illegal riding closer to suburbs etc. Its OK for us older riders with transport etc, but a lot of these kids have no support from their parents etc.

There are really NO off road areas to ride motorbike as such. I think perhaps there should be a registration process of some kind so that there are maybe a small fee for 6/12months membership so that eith the council could employ someone to maintain/run the area. It would be a shame to take away this freedom as there are some good responsible people that do use their motorbikes responsibly. I live in a crescent near thomas road and we constantly have young boys riding thier bikes up our street stupidly with out helmets..this stops us from taking our bikes out as we are afraid that these people are going to ruin it for us by acting stupid (as they do) riding pocket bikes with 2 people on board and no helmets.My husband just takes out our 3 wheeler on the front and back lawn as we would not like to lose our bikes to the ranger or receive the Hefty fine. If the area was to be put back in use surely the people whom are fighting for it could organize some kind of safe system /rule/guidlines for all to follow?Myself and my husband would definately be interseted in participating in any way we can. I hope that you decide in favour of reopening the area.

As previously stated it is the only designated off road area south of the CBD, and I have always enjoyed riding there! Please keep this area open for all the community.

Riders of off road motor cycles have very limited choice of places to pursue their recreation activity. South of the river is in desperate need of off road areas to safely ride. I would be willing to pay the Town of Kwinana a fee to help recover costs of their maintenance of this required facility. An area to ride in Kwinana, some shade, some drinking water and my kids and I would be very happy Overnight camping would be fun too...porta loos? Or is there a caravan park or similar close by? Would need to eat so would be patronising local delis/restaurants....petrol stations for fuel... a range of local Kwinana businesses would benefit

My 2 sons and I regularly used it when it was open{besides being members of local Motorcross clubs and riding there}and really enjoyed the varied conditions and also safety wise, knowing that it was a designated ride area.Perhaps the local Council could be leaders in the area of helping provide a safe riding area that could help get the misguided would be riders off the streets aggravating the public and tying up police resources etc. and even more significantly get riders off dangerous bush tracks and save lives {2 more killed a couple of weeks ago in the hills - how many killed in the past year?}Promoting the local motorcross tracks{Coastal and Byford} more would help as well.

the few areas that are available are over crowded making them more dangerous to in.

My husband, myself and two children aged 9 and 12 have all got motorbikes. This is a FAMILY activity that we all enjoy and enjoy doing it together.. in trying to instill good morals in our children we travel for miles to take them out riding.. In giving the public a place to ride you will proberly find ther would be less illegal riding.. the government is advertising to find 30 and to controll childrens electronic activity.. this is one of the things that we as a family can relate to each other and also alot of our friends.. id rather be taking my kids out on the weekend and spending quality time with them then have them watching tv or playing xbox games. Having somewhere local to ride would cut the costs in our fuel trying to go somewhere else and we could go more often. Kwinana Rockingham Mandurah and their surrounding areas are huge and we need some where to ride, why cant the council accomadate for the south side like other councils?

A lot of people are cashed up and are buying Offroad bikes. Without a recognised place to ride, we are going to have people riding their bikes in the streets and parks which irritates the neighborhood. This then gets the police and Council rangers involved wasting their time when they could really be doing something constructive.Give them an offroad area, would really save a lot of trouble in the long run.

Riders need places to ride and they are becoming scarce as time progresses. This is a conveniently located area and we need it!

It will keep the unlicensed riders and bikes off the road and in an area where they can ride legally and safer. Please if you close one area down open up another one to replace it.

We need somewhere for ourselves and our families to enjoy our hobby, and at present there is facility provided for us to ride, legally and safely, south of Perth.

Lack of suitable areas available in locality. Help prevent illegal riding in neighbouring areas and reduce the damage done due to this to bushland. Provide a safe area that children can learn in and not dangerous or illegal. Set an example to those who choose not to use approved areas to ride. A legal test area for tuning or testing for competition bikes. Provide a network to the neighbourhood via the Management Committee and riders that use the area for PR, cleanup days, safety and riding practice days sponsored by possibly local businesses. Improve the current property to incorporate usable trails and sections.

Perth has huge amounts of land but VERY FEW offroad vehicle areas. We need one in this area as there is nothing else remotely close.

There are NO legal riding areas South of the river this is an absolute disgrace and a slap in the face for all who live south. Are we second class citizens who live south. If this area is to remain closed, why not designate a new area in the vicinity, as the land close by cannot be deemed safe for residential use. This State of ours is the only one not to have a riding complex either run by private individuals or the govt. Why is this? With sales of off road bikes exceeding all previous numbers and the availability of good priced bikes from China, Western Australia (more so Perth) is living in the Dark Ages. Yours frustrated, Alan.

There aren't enough legal riding areas in Perth. It is unfair to those who have bikes and cannot ride without travelling hours out of town to Lancelin which is full of inconsiderate idiots and too packed, when it could be more spaced out for those of us who live south and are willing to obey any signed rules.

With the amount of offroad vehicles currently being sold in WA more legal riding areas are needed than ever. By not having a riding area in the south there is no choice for people but to ride in public open spaces and other illegal areas. This is dangerous and could have devastating consequences.

Off road vehicle riding/use is a wide-spread activity which provides fun, exercise and a day out for people of varying ages, sexes and cultural backgrounds. It is a growing sport/recreation for many people in Perth and across Australia. If legal access areas are closed down, riders will find other places to go which will be more harmful to the environment and cause disruption for any residents or businesses which happen to be within earshot. It also means that there is absolutely no control on who rides what vehicle and how - several designated and MAINTAINED areas around Perth would keep riders (generally) where they should be, as well as helping to keep them safe. Let's work together to find a happy compromise for the riders, the environment, the local shire's and the residents.

It is required for the ongoing commitment to keeping off road vehicles in their designated area. If the area is closed people are going to continue to ride on road sides and any area that there is. We need to be proactive not reactive to the growing number of participants to this past time.

It's a varied terrain, and an interesting place for us to ride - far moreso than Gnangarra. It doesn't feature those dangerous criss cross tracks. Also it is central to many suburbs and accessible without a packed lunch. Meaning that more people can slip in a casual ride of a morning and not commit a whole day of the weekend to do it. It is close to emergency services (such as Rockingham Hospital) if the need arises, making it a safer option than the more remote riding areas.

there are limited ares in the metro area available and stop fucking with freedom and access to the state

There are no other local designated ORV areas

we have no where else to ride at the moment. We are driving an hour and a half to metro rd on brookton hwy for our family to ride where legally we still can not ride our unregistered bike. The shire is asking for trouble if they close the area as people are just using parks roads etc to ride and it will only get worse as the number of bike owners is only increasing. We all need the opportunity to ride our bikes without the fear of prosecution. They need to provided a place to ride or people will use other area wich will just course bigger problems. Give our kids something to do to keep them out of trouble at the moment it is not motor bike riding as they do not have an option south of the river can only course problems.

Areas need to be kept open for future generations

bike riders need designated off road places set aside for them to ride on or there will be more people riding where they shouldnt. also a safe riding area should always be available maybe we should start suing local government for not providing a designated area which has a waiver attached so what happened in wundowie doesnt happen again.

Keep the Thomas Rd Medina Off Road Vehicle Area open because THERE IS CURRENTLY NO LEGAL OPPORTUNITY FOR FAMILY RIDING IN THE SOUTHERN SUBURBS (THE CLOSEST OFF ROAD VEHICLE AREA IS GNANGARA) no orv areas= illegal riding on roads etc.= fatal accidents.

it is the only ORV area south of the river for our kids to go and enjoy their new quad. We supervise our children, and this is a hobby that we can enjoy as a family. We would like to see it re-opened!!!

I am a hard working single mum. My son and I have just got into this wonderful sport although with the limited places to ride it is really disheartening. I haven't had a chance to ride at the thomas road off road area as it was closed shortly before I had learnt to ride. I live in fremantle and it's really dissappointing that we have to travel all the way north of the river to ride. Believe me it's nice to drive up there once a week, although on my day off (wed) it would be nice to go for a short squirt not far from home.

There is no off-raod area that I can take my family to legally ride their bikes.

We need all the places we can get to ride legally. On a clear weekend you can see HUNDREDS of bikes riding in illegal places. There is a clear need for legal places to ride in order to reduce damage to the illegal places and possible pollution to water catchment area's. Making it illegal does NOT stop people riding there. It only makes criminals of normally law abiding citizens. You setup a pattern where the law is disrespected because it is unreasonable. There is an obvious need so make facilities available. Thankyou.

Off road vehicle areas are getting scarce and i believe it will eventually lead to a higher percentage of illegal off-road riding. Face it, people are not going to give up riding their bikes just because we can't use off road areas, we're going to ride them anyway, let us do it in a designated and safe area.

There is nowhere to ride in the southern areas. I live in Mandurah and Thomas Rd would be better than nothing, even with the travel to it. Follow the US or Victoria and provide recreational areas for the people instead of restricting us to a lifestyle of golf courses and marinas.

There are no other legal Off Road Vehicle area's in the southern districts and this is causing people to ride illegally in other area's which can be very dangerous and annoys land holders, local residents and local government authorities. If this area was re-opened, and possibly enlarged, it would alliviate many of the problems that are occurring now. (These days it seems like everybody wants to sue someone, therefore I can see someone getting injured or killed in an area tht is not a gazetted Off Road Vehicle area and sueing the local council for not providing an area in which to legally ride, and indeed having closed an area that was originally provided.)

If motorbike riders are NOT provided with reasonable facilities they will be forced to ride where they are not desired, resulting in more public resources being spent on policing and health.

There is nowhere in the Southern Metropolitan area where a family can go and ride off road vehicles in a relaxed non competitive manner. Sure there are a number of motocross clubs, however they cater for the competitive rider and many riders, particularly beginners, aren't looking for high speed and jumps, etc. Furthermore the motocross clubs are extremely expensive. The Town of Kwinana has a responsibility to provide suitable leisure facilities for all recreational and sports people in the community. There are plenty of footy ovals, etc so it is not unreasonable to also expect one off road ridng area to be provided and managed properly. And finally if the Thomas Road riding area is shut down it is likely to create an even bigger problem elsewhere, as many riders are likely to seek illegal riding areas, creating a more widespread issue for the Community and authorities.

The last few riding areas available are allready heavy conjested with to many riders. I learnt to ride at Gnangara some 25 years ago and I cant believe how baddly deteriorated it is today. Why wont the government spend money on our riding places. They do it for every other recreational activity available to the comunity.

I spend most of my time with my family and friends that mostly live south of Perth and there isn't anywhere I can legally ride close by. I have to drive 45mins up the freeway to Gnangara and Pinjar to find packed ORV areas. Most of the time I rather spend the extra 45mins to an hour, on top of this drive up to Lancelin. That takes a good 3 hours out of my riding time and a damn long trek home, avoiding fatigue on the infamous blackspot ridden Wanneroo Rd. I have been riding at Thomas Rd before it was closed down and was a good place to ride until it was left to get run down. Car bodies and rubbish strewn everywhere and no designated trails allowing head on incidents to occur. Thomas Rd is a fairly small ORV area and would need a lot of work in designing trails/loops to control the volume of riders in this area. Also a higher level of policing that would limit the amount of dumped stolen vehicles in the area.

There are very few places for off road vehicles to legally ride and thtre needs to be more opened up, not closed. Having legally sanctioned areas is good for the riders/ drivers and also good for the general public as it means less people will do the wrong thing and go into areas they zare not supposed to. It also allows for a safer environment where people can be around other off road users in the event on an injury.

There is a definate need for a designated off-road area accessible from the southern suburbs. Otherwise more people will be riding in places where the shouldnt.

It stops kids riding in the parks / forrests etc. There are so few places to ride, even when I was a kid my father used to drive me and my friends down there from Kelmscott to ride, as we only had limited options when it came to riding off our property.

I would like my kids to be able to ride in a legal area without having the risk of being fined or unneciserily injured by riding in a improper and uncontrolled area. I would like the opportunity to take my family somewhere for a day out riding, something they all love but are unable to do without having to travel from kwinana to gngangarra to do it. We dont ride anymore , and instead the kids stay home on these occasions and get into trouble with the neighbors kids while trying to entertain themselves.

It provides a place for people south of the river to ride, without having to travel all the way to Pinjar or Gngangara. I do not live in the Kwinana area, so I am unable to participate if a local management committee was formed.

It gives people a legal place to ride. Dirt bikes and quad bikes are now a fact of life and going into denial will not solve the problem of nowhere to ride.

there is no other place to legally use offroad vehicles south of the river at all without membership of a race club

We need designated off road areas, if you close these areas we will continue to ride and there could be damage to more environmentally sensitive areas.

We need somewhere to ride in the metor area south of the river.