



OUTDOOR RECREATION POLICY



WHAT WE BELIEVE

The great outdoors in NSW are meant to be enjoyed by all. We reject the view taken by the major parties, and particularly the extreme Greens, who seek to restrict public land access and activities to those which they choose.

National Parks and State Forests were never meant to be “no go” areas. We reject the concept of “wilderness” as inherently racist. People have lived, occupied and recreated in all areas of Australia since humans first arrived on this continent. Parks, State Forests and Crown Lands were to be developed to encourage people to visit, look at, contemplate and use, so as to promote mental and physical well-being by furthering people’s knowledge of that environment. We believe that through knowledge comes understanding and from understanding comes respect for the environment and our natural places and resources.

We strongly support fair and equitable, improved and expanded access to all public lands and waters in NSW as a means for all citizens to enjoy their cultural outdoor, sporting and recreational activities.

Four-wheel driving, off-road motorcycling, mountain biking and camping are popular and legitimate recreations deserving of better support given that NSW is home to some of the most diverse and appealing natural landscapes in the world, most of which is best explored by four-wheel drive, motorcycles and mountain bikes..

To appease the Green movement, there has been a desperate movement by both sides of politics to lock away public land.



OUR ACTION PLAN

1. Greater access to public lands for all outdoor enthusiasts.
2. Free access to all areas and facilities within National Parks and State Forests for four-wheel driving and camping.
3. Permit free use of appropriate beaches for recreational purposes including four-wheel driving.
4. Stop the unreasonable closure of tracks and parks and support the re-opening of those closed without valid reason.
5. Support the creation of new tracks to encourage four-wheel drive, off-road drivers and mountain bikers to NSW.
6. Support measures taken to ensure maintenance and value of our National Park and camping areas to catch and stop offenders damaging property, including greater funding for Clubs and Associations to support regular bush clean-up days.
7. Ensure the NSW Government better engage with four-wheel driving associations and National Parks on issues that relate to closures, gates and general driver training and safety education.
8. Establish a designated UHF channel for four-wheel drive tracks to ensure community safety and better accessibility.
9. Facilitate changes in legislation and policy to promote motorcycling in all forms including sport, recreation, adventuring and commuting.
10. Support greater investment into infrastructure including jetties and boat ramps, Fish Aggregating Devices (FAD's), artificial reefs, and shooting facilities.



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11. Expand scout, guide, movements and indigenous youth programs in NSW to encourage more young people to participate and enjoy outdoor recreational and cultural activities.
12. Facilitate legislation to encourage the participation and development of fossicking across private and public lands.
13. Expand bow hunting opportunities across NSW and oppose any moves to require bows to be registered.
14. Increased funding to assist, encourage and facilitate outdoor recreational activity by indigenous and non-indigenous youth, particularly hunting, fishing and camping.
15. Fairer tolls for four-wheel drivers towing large trailers on Sydney motorways.