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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 Background and Objectives

Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS) commissioned Newspoll, in June 2011 to conduct a 12 month community survey to determine domestic visitation of national parks, marine parks and other QPWS managed areas across Queensland.

This survey also received additional funding from Ecological Sciences (DSITIA) as part of the Horse Trail Network monitoring program to include additional questions for Queensland residents on community attitudes to horse riding, mountain bike riding, 4WD driving and trail bike riding activities in national parks.

The South East Queensland Horse Trail Network (SEQ-HTN) comprises more than 500 kilometres of trails located between Gympie in the north and the Queensland-New South Wales border in the south and Toowoomba in the west. Together with about 340 kilometres of multi-use trails in Queensland's forest plantations and 470+ kilometres of trail on other tenures, including several other State Forests, the SEQ-HTN forms part of a broad interconnected network of trails throughout SEQ on which horse-riding is permitted.

Horse riding has been an accepted use of many State Forests and Timber Reserves but is not ordinarily permitted in National Parks. In recognition that horse riding has long been part of the state's lifestyle and character, the Queensland Government is committed to providing horse riders with continued access to some formed management roads on forest reserves through national parks in South East Queensland.

QPWS are reviewing the environmental and social impacts of the SEQ-HTN. As part of this review, a series of questions related to visitor participation in, and attitudes to this and other activities have been included in this study.

In addition to the core study questions, a series of questions were asked about whether park visitors had encountered any: horse riding, trail bike / motor bike riding, mountain bike riding / cycling or 4 wheel driving. For the first three waves (until February 2012), this was asked of all who had visited any park within the last four weeks, for the remaining 2 rounds it was asked of all people who had visited any park.



Participants were then asked to comment on the extent to which they agreed or disagreed that such activities should be allowed on designated trails in Queensland National Parks, and the reasons why they agreed or disagreed with such activities. These questions were asked only of Queensland residents.

For the February and May 2012 rounds the question was changed to read “*Have you ever encountered people doing each of the following activities on the **internal** roads or trails within a national park **excluding** the main access roads and car parks, while visiting **any** national park in Queensland?*” with a focus on the activity needing to be within the park.

Note that these questions were only asked in the Pilot Phase, Round 5, Round 10 and Round 14 for a total sample size of 1,003 Queenslanders aged 18 years of age and over.

What follows is a summary of these results.



2. METHODOLOGY

2.1 Definition of Terms

For the purposes of this report the following acronyms and terms are used:

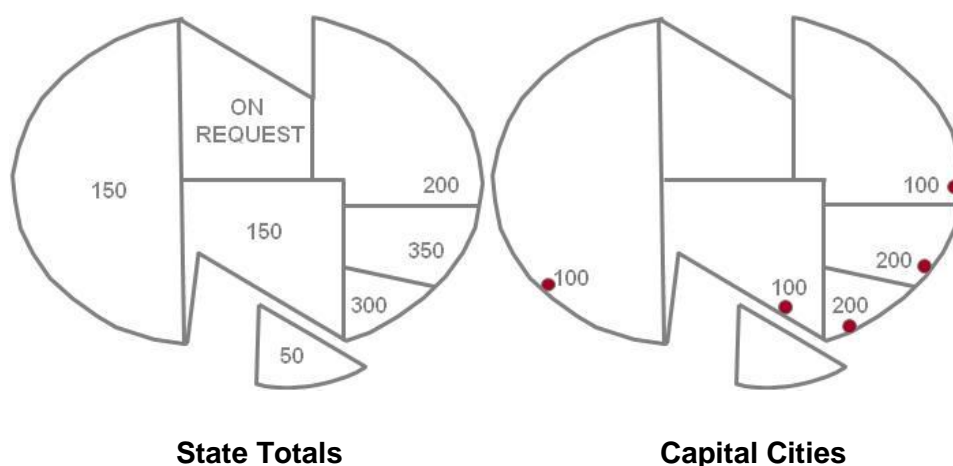
- **Base:** A sub set of the total sample, e.g. only those in the sample who visited a National Park;
- **CATI:** Computer Assisted Telephone Interview;
- **DSITIA:** Department of Science, Information Technology, Innovation and the Arts;
- **MTB:** Mountain bike riding;
- **NP:** National Park;
- **NPRSR:** The Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing;
- **QPWS:** Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service a division of the Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing
- **Sample:** The total number of people surveyed;
- **SEQ-HTN:** South East Queensland Horse Trail Network;
- **4WD:** Four wheel driving.



2.2 Data Gathering

The research was conducted using Newspoll's National Telephone Omnibus. The National Telephone Omnibus is a weekly telephone survey of 1,200 adults aged 18+. It gathers responses from metropolitan, regional and rural participants using Newspoll's in-house Computer Assisted Telephone Interviewing (CATI) facilities. The figure below shows the sample sizes for each state and capital city for any given week.

Sample sizes for Newspoll's Telephone Omnibus



- For this research only respondents in Queensland were included.

Respondents were selected via a random sample process which included:

- A quota being set for each capital city and non capital city area, and within each of these areas a quota being set for groups of statistical divisions or subdivisions
- Random selection of household telephone numbers within each area
- Random selection of an individual in each household by a 'last birthday' screening question

2.3 Pilot Study

A Pilot Study was conducted in July 2011 over two omnibus rounds amongst a total of 400 Queensland respondents aged 18 years or over. The objectives of the pilot study were to review the questionnaire and data collection process and make changes as necessary to ensure that the subsequent full research program was optimised.



2.4 Main Data Gathering

Following the Pilot Phase and having incorporated changes into the design and questionnaire, the full interviewing phase commenced in October 2011.

Interviews were conducted 10-12 weeks according to the schedule in the table below. The table below summarises the sample for the Pilot phase and full study.

Quarter	Round	Week	Horse Trail Network - Long	Horse Trail Network - Short
1	1	8-10 July 2011		Pilot
	2	22-24 July 2011	Pilot	
2	5	14-16 October 2011		√
3	10	3-5 February 2012	√	
4	14	4-6 May 2012		√
Total interviews (including pilot data)			N = 400	N = 600

2.5 Questionnaire Design

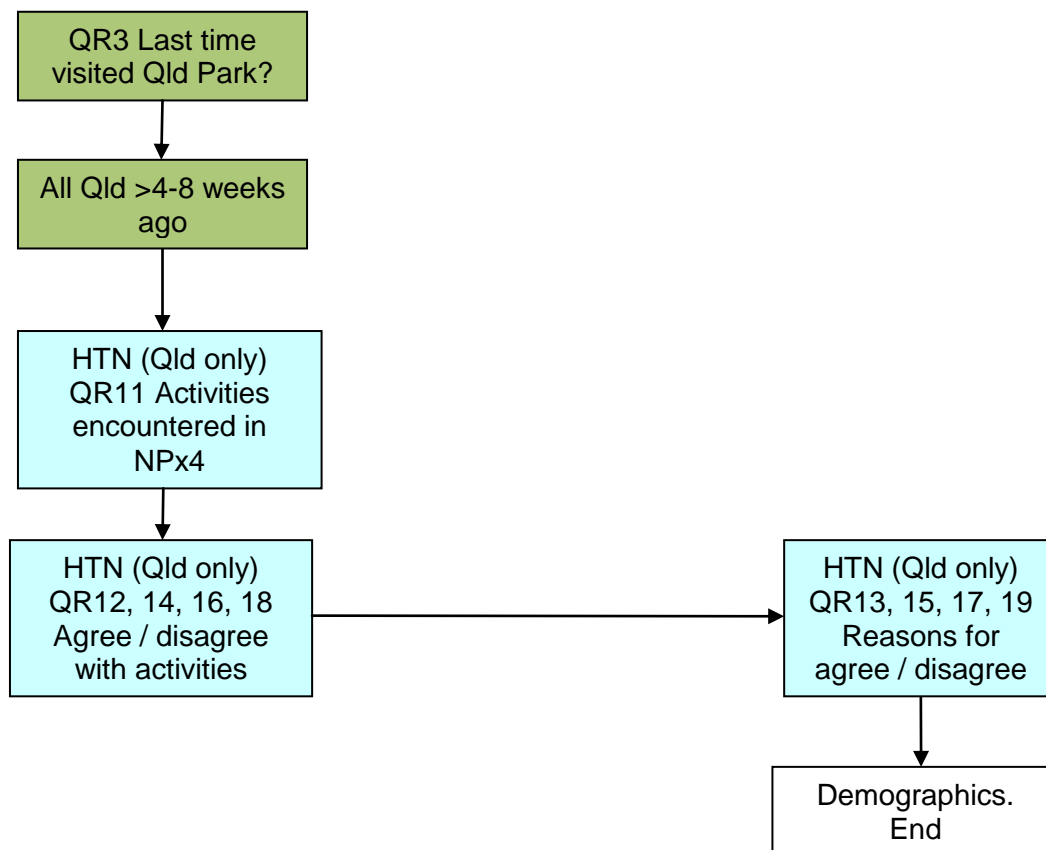
- **Horse Trail Network Long:** R11- R19 (The filter above R11 was changed in February 2012 so that all park visitors were asked R11, rather than just those who visited in the last 4 weeks)
- **Horse Trail Network Short:** R11, R12, R14, R16, R18 only (The filter above R11 was changed in February 2012 so that all park visitors were asked R11, rather than just those who visited in the last 4 weeks)

A copy of each questionnaire appears in Section 5.



2.5.1 Questionnaire Routing

The diagram below illustrates the survey path taken by respondents.



2.6 Data Accuracy

The accuracy of the data in this report is impacted by a range of factors. Each is discussed next.

2.6.1 Confidence Interval / Level

How well the results of a survey reflect the total population can be gauged by the confidence interval and confidence level.

The **confidence interval** (also known as margin of error) indicates the reliability of an estimate and is the plus-or-minus figure that appears in parenthesis throughout the report (i.e $\pm 10\%$). The larger the figure, the greater the margin of error associated with the data. For example, if the total number of visits to any given park is estimated at



10,000 with a confidence interval of $\pm 10\%$, then the reader can be 'sure' that the result lies between 9,000 and 11,000.

In this research, the confidence interval varies significantly from result to result. This is due mainly to variation in sample sizes for any given question ¹.

The **confidence level** indicates how sure you can be and is expressed as a percentage. The 95% confidence level means you can be 95% certain. In market and social research the 95% confidence level is generally regarded as being sufficient and has been applied to this research.

Therefore, if a result has a confidence interval of $\pm 10\%$ at the 95% confidence level, we can say that if the survey were conducted 100 times, the data would be within 10 percentage points above or below the reported result 95 out of 100 times.

2.6.2 Statistical Significance

Testing for statistical significance is used to determine the probability that differences in the data are real or due to chance. For this data set, tests have been applied only to the charts contained in the main body of the report, since the sample sizes in the charts in the Appendices were too small to find statistically significant differences.

Statistically significant differences have been highlighted in the charts.

Any changes that are described as being statistically significant are significant at the 95% confidence level.

2.6.3 The Effect of Sample Size on Accuracy

Broadly speaking, the larger the sample size, the more confident you can be that the result reflects the total population (and the reverse is also true). As sample size increases, the margin of error or confidence interval decreases (though the relationship is not linear).

¹ There are other factors that impact on confidence intervals such as population size, percentage of responses and random sampling and whilst taken into account in the research are not discussed here.



The number of respondents to some questions in this research was very small and less than 10 in some cases. In such cases the confidence interval may be as high $\pm 50\%$, if it can be calculated at all.

The table below shows the confidence intervals associated with samples of different sizes at the 95% confidence level (assuming maximum variation in response). It shows how the margin of error is dramatically larger at small sample sizes.

Sample Size	1000	400	300	100	50	30
Confidence interval	$\pm 3\%$	$\pm 5\%$	$\pm 6\%$	$\pm 10\%$	$\pm 14\%$	$\pm 18\%$

In some cases the small sample sizes and large confidence intervals make drawing meaningful conclusions about the data problematic. Newspoll has used the following labelling conventions for tables and charts to alert the reader to potential issues associated with the data.

2.6.4 Mobile Only Households

Please note that caution should be used when interpreting these results, as the survey methodology has known limitations such as the survey only including households with landlines, thus excluding people living in mobile only households.

The data from online surveys Newspoll has conducted indicates that **mobile-only households** are more likely to be:

In Australia, the vast majority of households have a working fixed line telephone. The Australian Communication and Media Authority estimated in June 2010 that 90% of Australians have a fixed line at home. However, there is a trend for households to effectively replace their fixed line phone with a mobile phone so that they become **mobile-only households**.

This raises a number of concerns relating to the cost and quality of telephone survey data for the following reasons:

- Newspoll does not have access to a comprehensive list of mobile phone numbers to use as a sample frame (unlike for fixed line phones);



- Mobile phone numbers are not “connected” to a specific geographic location, an important factor in many survey designs. Fixed lines are connected to a specific geographic location and so can be link with a postcode.
- Interviewing people on a mobile phone is quite different to doing it on a fixed line phone; for example, an autodialler cannot be used for mobile phones, many mobile phone owners see their mobile phone as more “personal” than a fixed line, there are perceived health hazards in using a mobile phone and it costs more; and
- Persons in mobile-only households may be sufficiently different, and a large enough group, to bias estimates based solely on households with fixed lines.

Newspoll has used their online panel to explore the profile of persons who live in mobile-only households, to ensure that key survey variables are not correlated with whether a person is in a mobile-only household or not. An obvious example would be a survey on the use of communications technology such as mobile phones, computers and the internet. However, it is not always that obvious.

The data from online surveys conducted indicates that mobile-only households are more likely to be:

- Younger (60% of people aged 18-64 years and living in mobile-only households are aged 18-34 years compared with 35% for those in fixed-line households - see Figure below)
- Renters (63% compared with about 30% for the general population based on ABS estimates)
- Live in flats (25% vs 11% for general population based on ABS estimates)

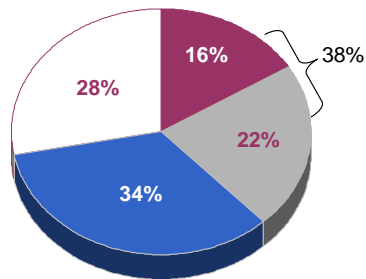
Note that these characteristics (age, housing tenure and dwelling structure) are inter-correlated. For example, young people are more likely to be renters, and renting flats, than older people. Weighting fixed line surveys to the known age distribution of the population (as published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics) could removing any bias.



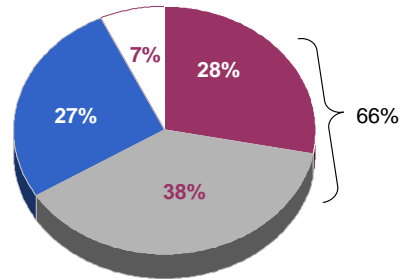
Household age profiles

18-64 year olds
Newspoll Online Omnibus

% of 18-64
Population



Oct 2010
% of Mobile
only



■ 18-24 ■ 25-34 ■ 35-49 □ 50-64

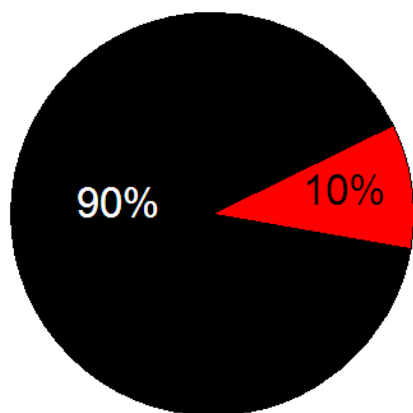


It needs to be determined if people in mobile-only households think and act differently to other people in the same age group. If they are different then the nature and size of such differences need to be identified to better interpret results from fixed line surveys.

Given mobile only households are a relatively small portion of the population, you would need to get a significantly different answer among this group before it starts to show any impact on the total population result.



Putting those without a fixed line into context



■ Fixed Line ■ No fixed line

SOURCE: ACMA JUNE 2010
http://www.acma.gov.au/WEB/STANDARD/pc=PC_312366

Example: N=1000

Incidence:

Fixed line (n=900) = **25%**

No fixed line (n=100) = **50%**

Incidence among the total sample:

Fixed line - $0.25 \times 900 = 225$

No fixed line - $0.50 \times 100 = 50$

Total = 275

Total % = $(275/1000) \times 100$
= **27.5%**

Based on this Newspann did not believe that the small increase in reliability of the data outweighed the increase in cost to include non fixed line households in this study.



2.7 Continuous Improvement

Newspoll is committed to improving the survey instrument so that the estimates of visitation and overall quality of the data is maximised. To this end, a range of measures have been taken to improve the data quality in an ongoing fashion. This includes:

- The running of a pilot research phase and incorporation of findings and improvements into subsequent phases, such as the way in which allocation of park visits was improved. (see also Pilot Study in Section 2)
- Given the high level of "encountering" 4 wheel drives, 49%, in the Pilot study, Newspoll suggested changing the question, R11, to read *"Have you ever encountered people doing each of the following, within a national park, while visiting any national park in Queensland?"* In February this was further changed, at the request of QPWS to read *"Have you ever encountered people doing each of the following activities on the **internal** roads or trails within a national park **excluding** the main access roads and car parks, while visiting **any** national park in Queensland?"*
- The filter above R11 ("Have you ever encountered people doing each of the following, within a national park, while visiting any national park in Queensland?") was changed in February so that all park visitors are now asked R11, rather than just those who visited in the last 4 weeks. Data for the two questions has been combined in this report
- As some people refuse to answer the income question, included as part of the omnibus demographics, the 3 sub samples (less than \$50,000, \$50,000-\$89,999 and \$90,000+) will not equal to the total sample size. In future years it has been suggested that an additional subsample, refused to provide income, be included in the data set.



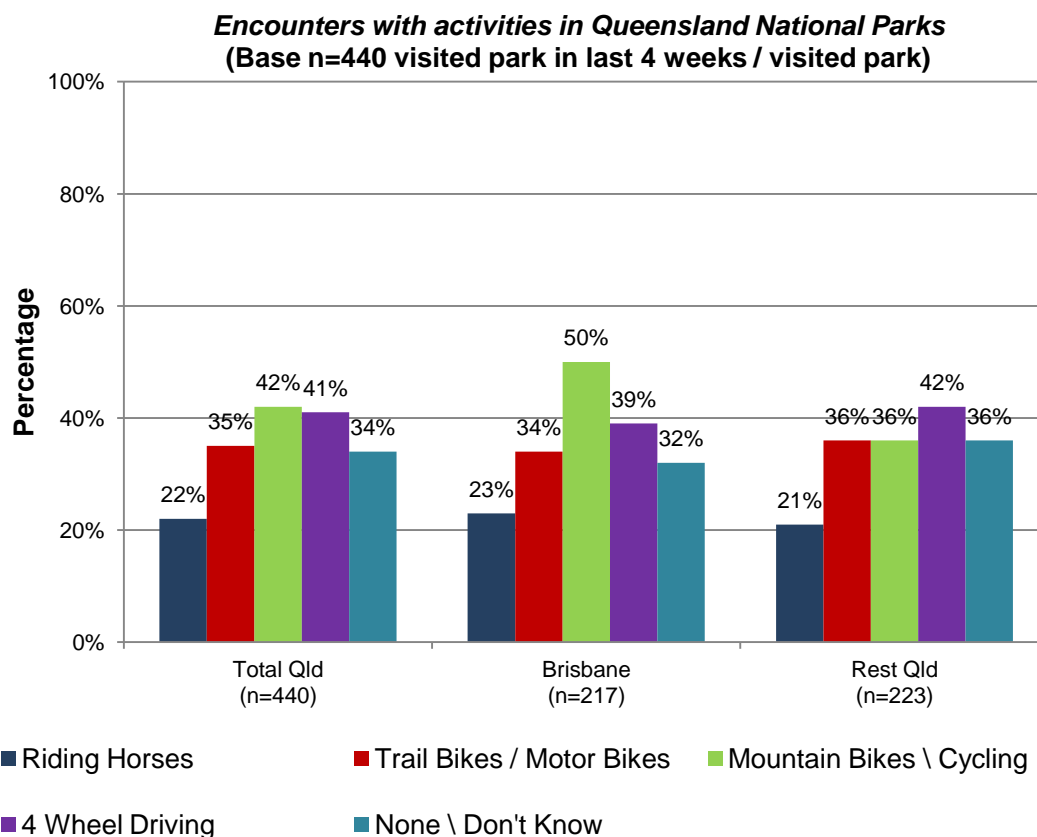
3. HORSE TRAIL NETWORK

3.1 Activities within Queensland National Park

3.1.1 Encounters with activities in Queensland National Parks

Reporting for SEQ Horse Trail Network Monitoring program.

Encounters: Queensland residents were asked a specific set of questions relating to their encounters with and attitudes towards horse riding, 4 wheel driving, mountain biking and trail biking within national parks. Among the Queenslanders who were asked these questions, one in five or 22% claimed to have encountered horse riding while in a National Park. Just over one third (35%) of Queenslanders had encountered trail / motor bikes in National Parks. Just over forty percent had encountered mountain biking / cycling (42%) or 4 wheel driving (41%) in National Parks. More than one third (34%) claimed to have encountered none of these activities.





Encounters with activities in Queensland National Parks			
	Brisbane (n=217)	Rest of Queensland (n=223)	Total Queensland (n=440)
Riding Horses	23%	21%	22%
Riding Trail Bikes or Motor Bikes	34%	30%	35%
Riding Mountain Bikes or Cycling	50%	36%	42%
Driving 4 Wheel Drives	39%	42%	41%
None \ Don't Know	32%	36%	34%

Key Finding:

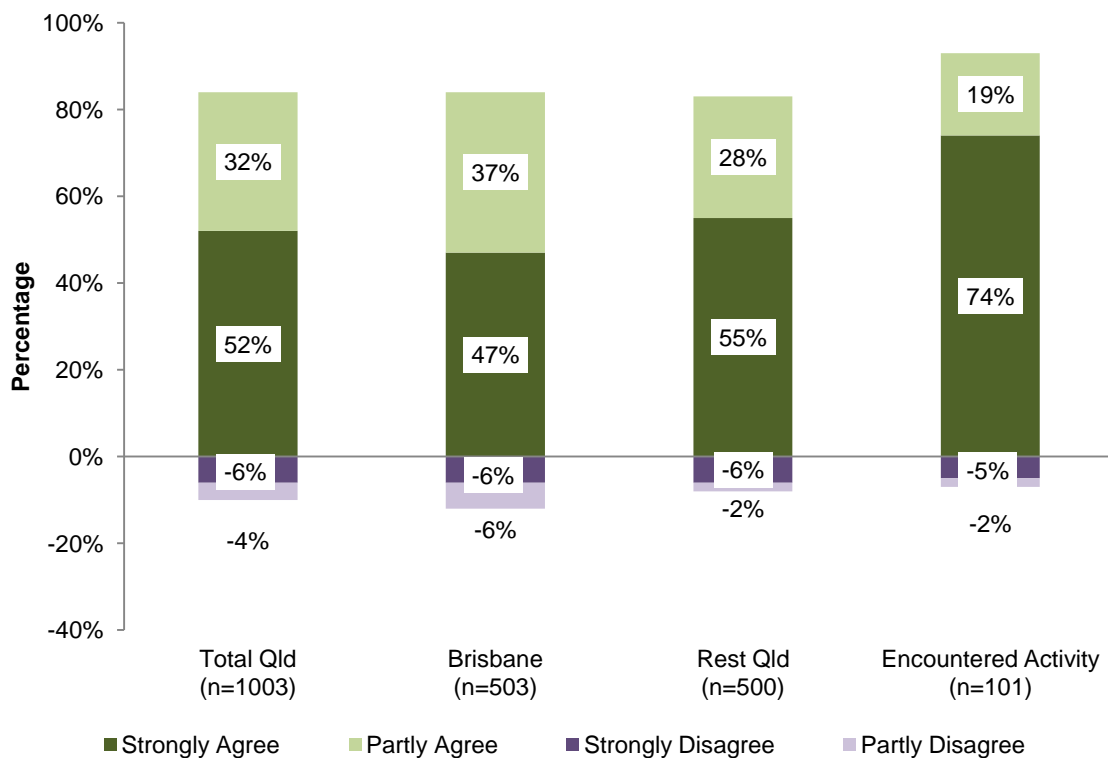
- **Just over one-in-five had encountered horse riding:** Among Queensland park visitors, just over one in five or between 21% and 23% claimed to have encountered horse riding while in a National Park.
- **More than one third had encountered trail bikes:** 35% of Queensland park visitors claimed to have encountered trail bikes / motor bikes in National Parks.
- Less than half (42% and 41%) had encountered mountain biking / cycling or four wheel driving in National Parks.



3.1.2 Agree or disagree that horse-riding should be allowed on designated trails within Queensland National Parks

Level of support for each activity in National Parks: In the chart below the responses strongly and partly agree have been combined (shown in green as a positive) as have the responses strongly and partly disagree (shown in purple as a negative). Note that the figures do not total 100% as 'don't know / not sure' has not been included.

Agree or disagree that horse-riding should be allowed on designated trails within Queensland National Parks (Base n=1,003)





Attitudes to horse riding in Queensland National Parks				
	Brisbane (n=503)	Rest of Queensland (n=500)	Total Queensland (n=1003)	Encountered Activity (n=101 visited park in last 4 weeks / visited park)
TOTAL AGREE	84%	83%	84%	93%
Strongly Agree	47%	55%	52%	74%
Partly Agree	37%	28%	32%	19%
TOTAL DISAGREE	12%	8%	10%	7%
Partly Disagree	6%	2%	4%	2%
Strongly Disagree	6%	6%	6%	5%
Neither / don't know	4%	9%	6%	-

Key Finding:

When all four activities are compared **the level of support for each activity to occur in national parks is:**

- Horse riding (84% agree)
- Mountain bike riding / cycling (82% agree)
- 4 wheel driving (54% agree)
- Motor / trail bike riding (41% agree)

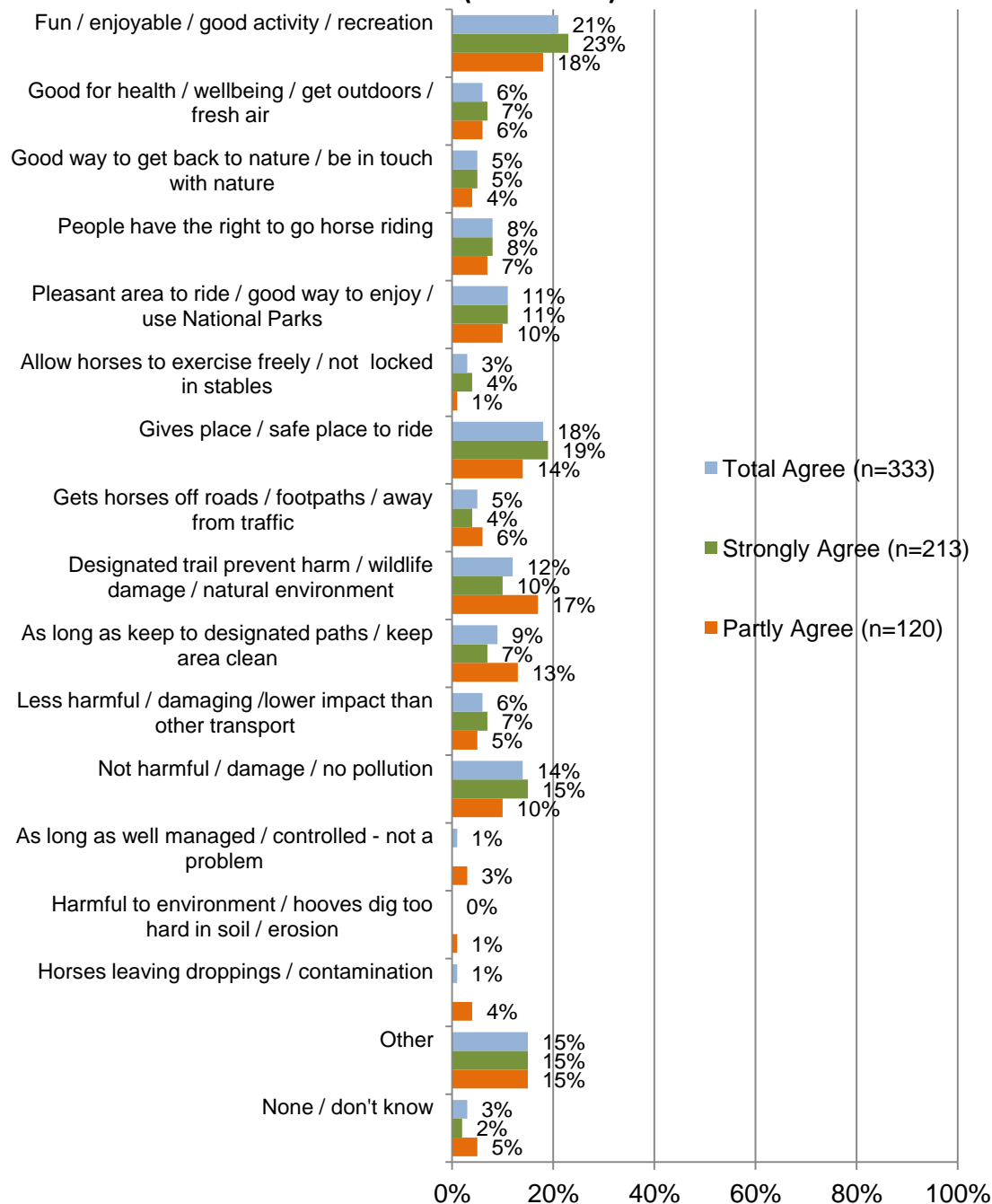
Strong agreement with allowing horse-riding within Queensland National Parks: Among all Queenslanders, 84% agreed that horse-riding should be allowed on designated trails within Queensland National Parks. People living in Brisbane (47%) were significantly less likely than those living in the rest of Queensland (55%) to strongly agree to horse-riding being allowed on designated trails within Queensland National Parks.

One in 10 Queenslanders disagree with allowing horse-riding within Queensland National Parks.



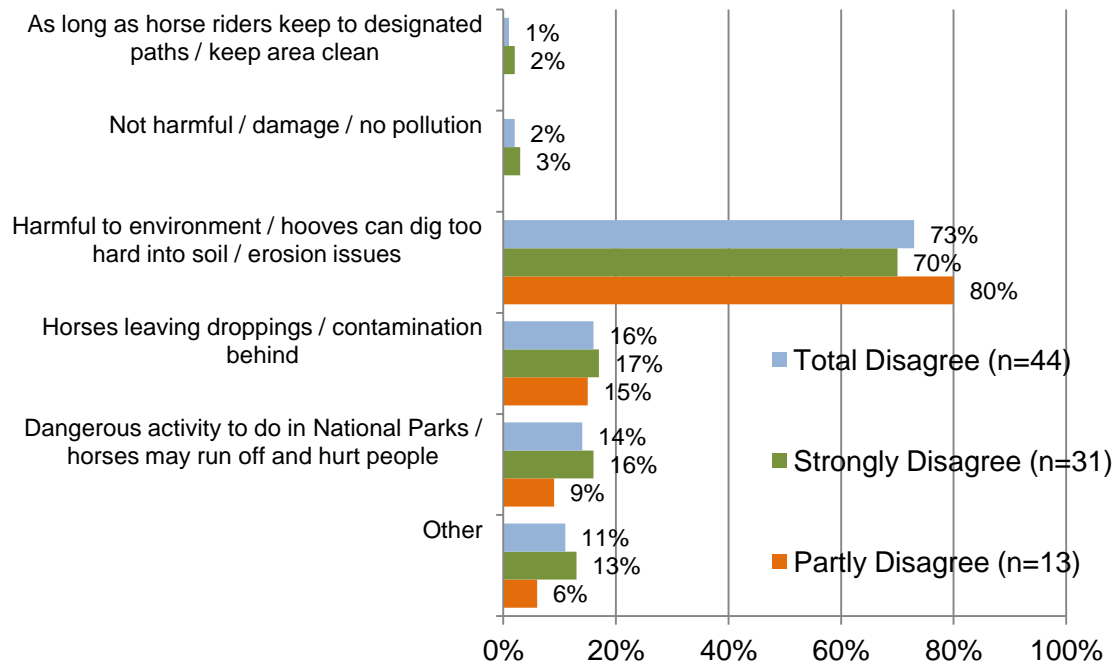
3.1.3 Reasons why agree / disagree that horse-riding should be allowed on designated trails within Queensland National Parks

Reason for agreement amongst those who agree horse-riding should be allowed on designated trails in Queensland National Parks (Base n=333)





Reason for disagreement amongst those who disagree horse-riding should be allowed on designated trails in Queensland National Parks (Base n=44)



For the full list of verbatim responses please see Appendix 3.2.1 and 3.2.2.



3.1.4 Agree or disagree that riding trail bikes or motor bikes should be allowed on designated trails within Queensland National Parks

Agree or disagree that riding trail bikes or motor bikes should be allowed on designated trails within Queensland National Parks (Base n=1,003)



Attitudes to trail bike / motor bike riding in Queensland National Parks				
	Brisbane (n=503)	Rest of Queensland (n=500)	Total Queensland (n=1003)	Encountered Activity (n=147 visited park in last 4 weeks / visited park)
TOTAL AGREE	84%	83%	84%	58%
Strongly Agree	47%	55%	52%	33%
Partly Agree	37%	28%	32%	25%
TOTAL DISAGREE	12%	8%	10%	40%
Partly Disagree	6%	2%	4%	9%
Strongly Disagree	6%	6%	6%	31%
Neither / don't know	4%	9%	6%	2%



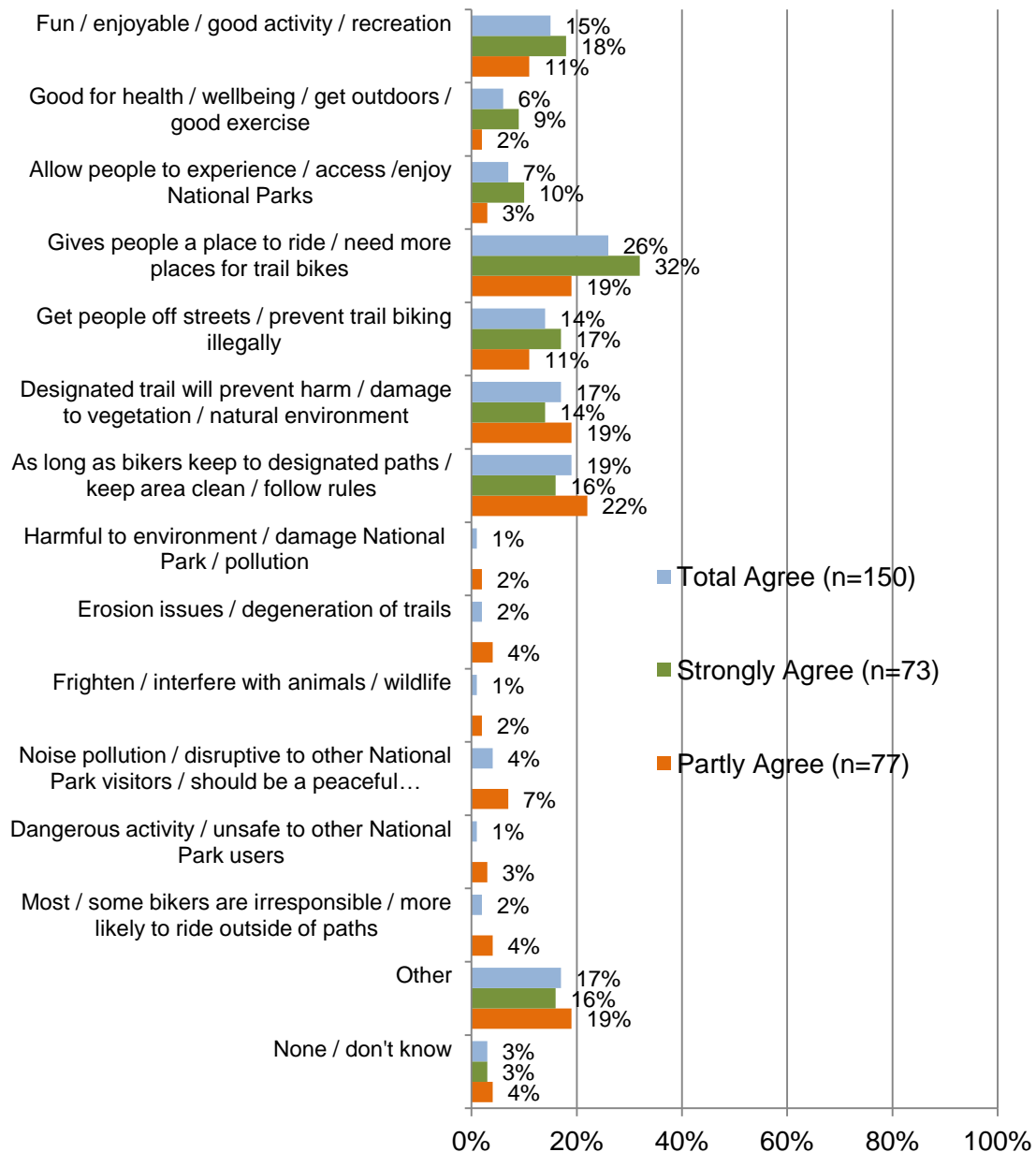
Key Finding:

- The majority of Queenslanders (55%) disagreed with the statement that motor / trail bike riding should be allowed in Queensland National Parks: Just over 41% agreed that motor / trail bikes should be allowed whilst 55% disagreed. Among the 55% who disagreed, the majority, 42%, disagreed strongly.
- People living in Brisbane (59%) were significantly more likely than those living in regional and rural areas of Queensland to disagree with the statement that motor / trail bike riding should be allowed in Queensland National Parks



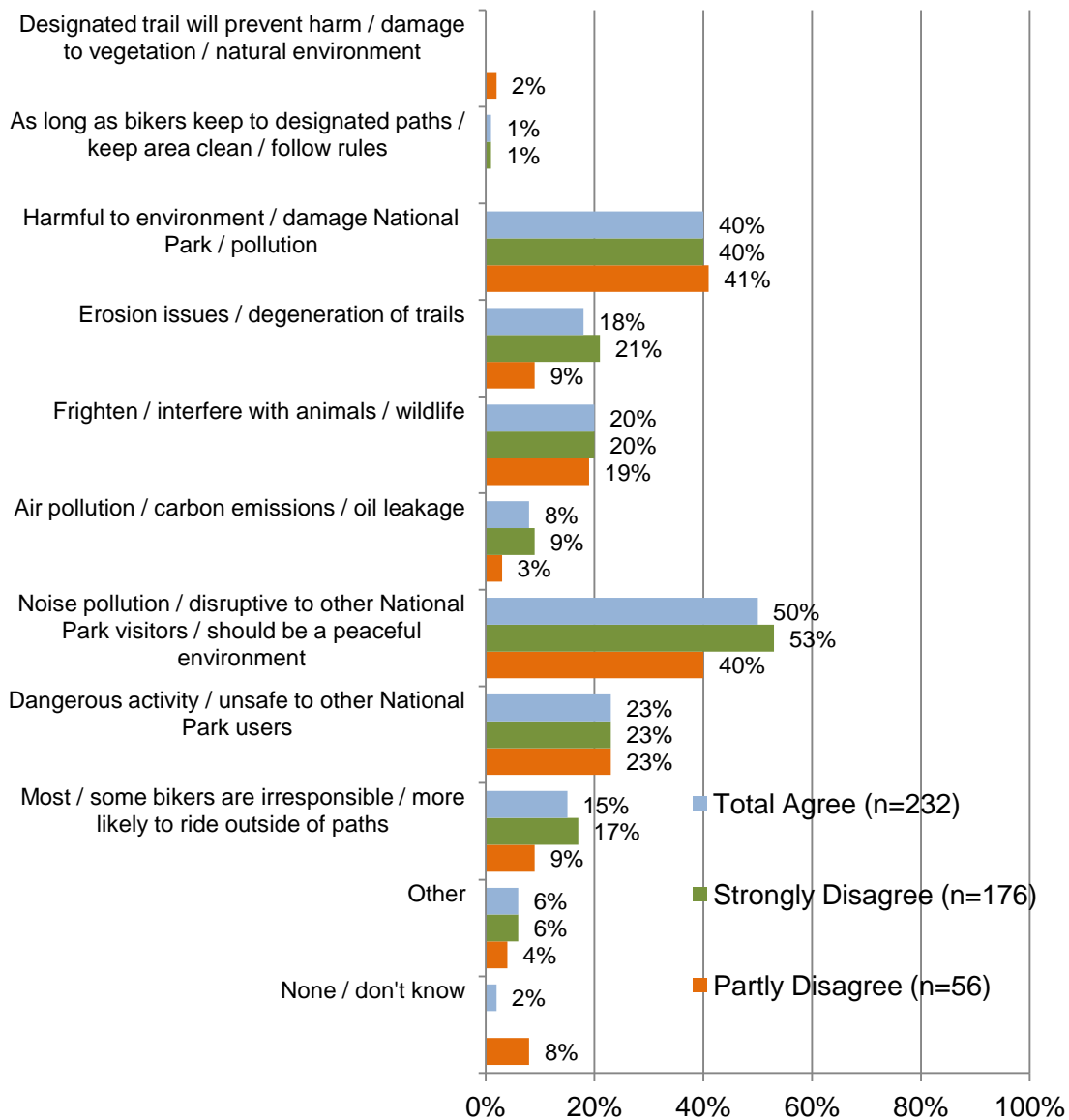
3.1.5 Reasons why agree / disagree that riding trail bikes or motor bikes should be allowed on designated trails within Queensland National Parks

Reason for agreement amongst those who agree riding trail bikes or motor bikes should be allowed on designated trails in Queensland National Parks (Base n=150)





Reason for disagreement amongst those who disagree riding trail bikes or motor bikes should be allowed on designated trails within Queensland National Parks (Base n=232)

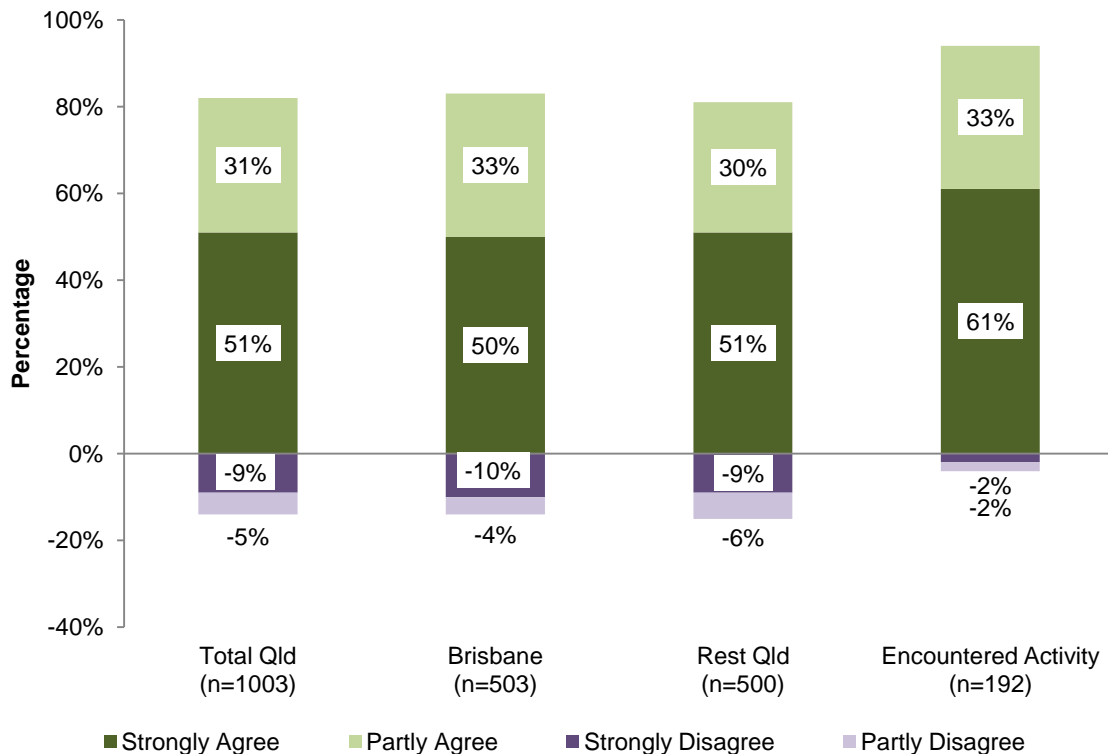


For the full list of verbatim responses please see Section 3.2.3 and 3.2.4.



3.1.6 Agree or disagree that mountain bike riding should be allowed on designated trails within Queensland National Parks

Agree or disagree that mountain bike riding should be allowed on designated trails within Queensland National Parks (Base n=1,003)



Attitudes to mountain bike riding in Queensland National Parks				
	Brisbane (n=503)	Rest of Queensland (n=500)	Total Queensland (n=1003)	Encountered Activity (n=192 visited park in last 4 weeks / visited park)
TOTAL AGREE	84%	83%	84%	94%
Strongly Agree	47%	55%	52%	61%
Partly Agree	37%	28%	32%	33%
TOTAL DISAGREE	12%	8%	10%	4%
Partly Disagree	6%	2%	4%	2%
Strongly Disagree	6%	6%	6%	2%
Neither / don't know	4%	9%	6%	2%



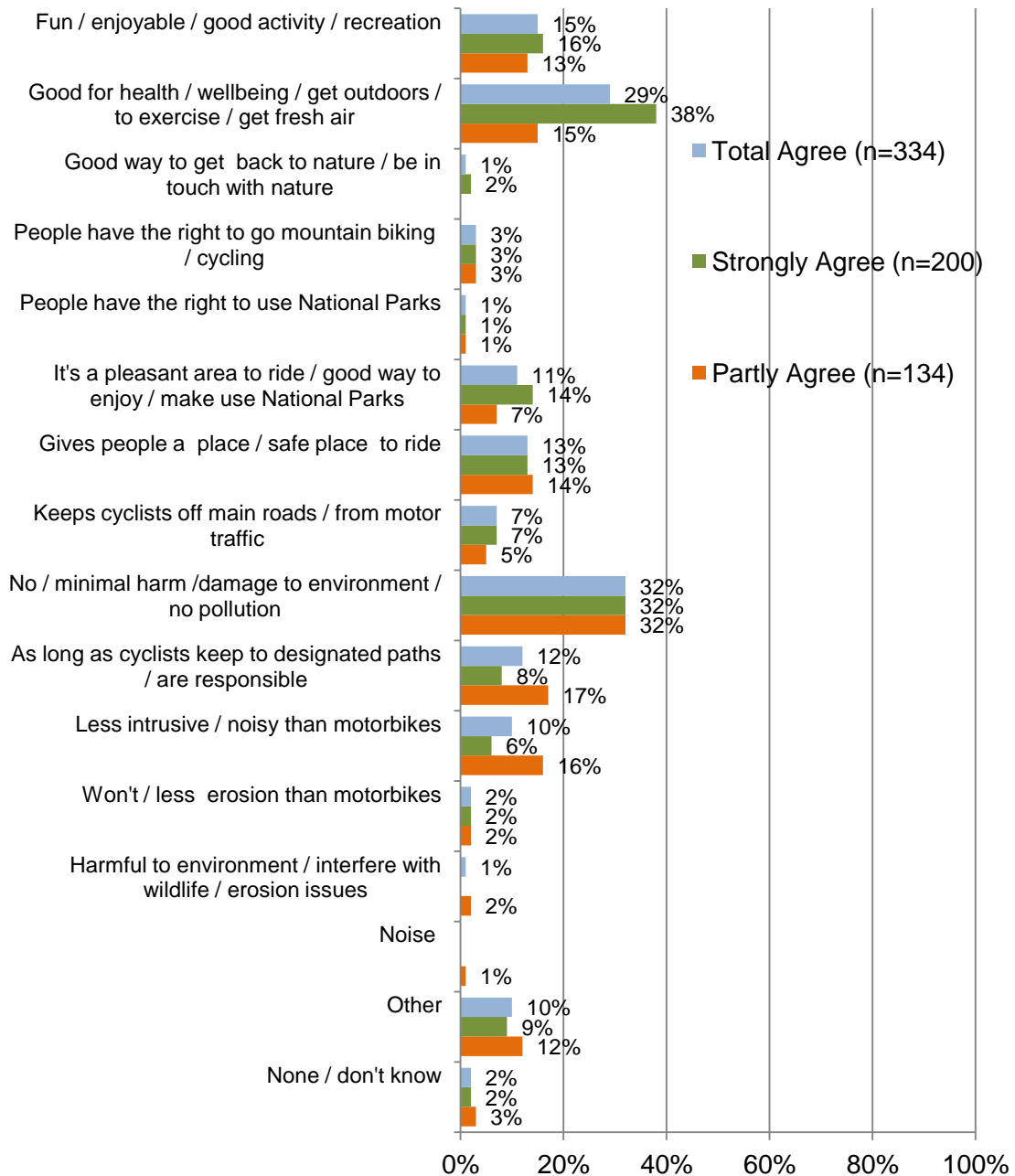
Key Finding:

- 82% of Queenslanders agreed with allowing mountain bikes or cycling on designated trails within Queensland National Parks. Agreement was high among those who had encountered the activity (94%).
- Only about 14% disagreed with allowing mountain bikes or cycling on designated trails within Queensland National Parks.



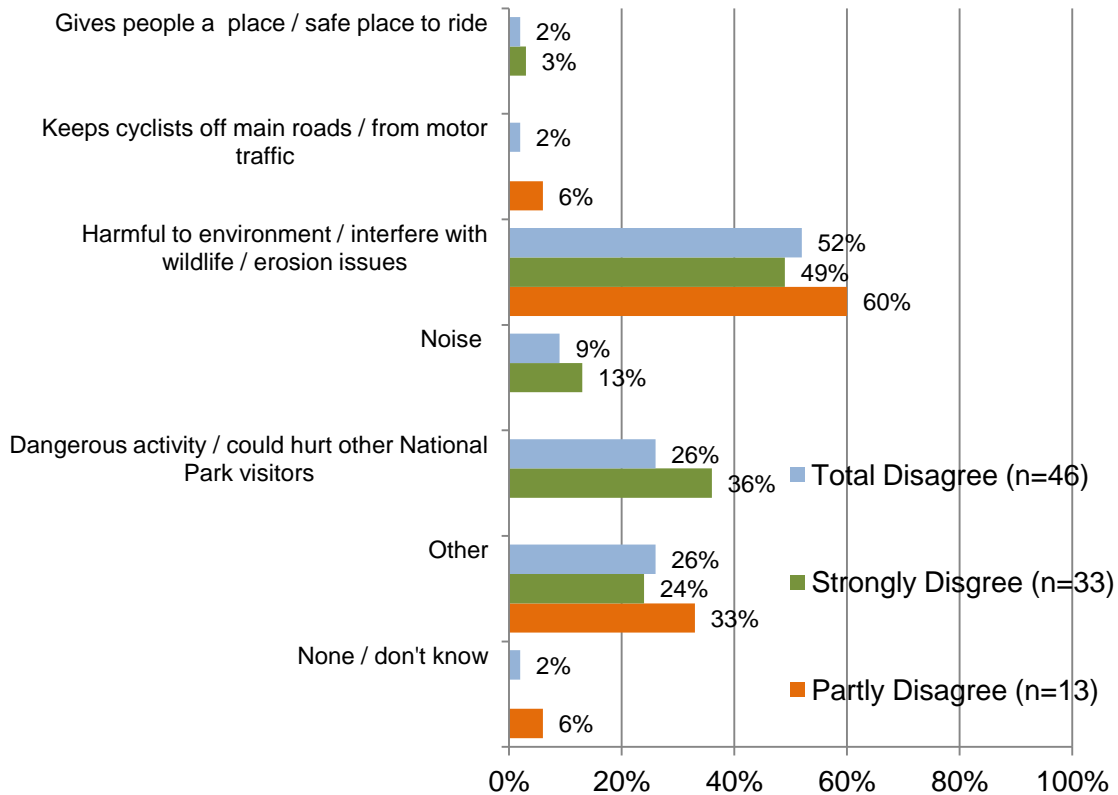
3.1.7 Reasons why agree / disagree that mountain bike riding should be allowed on designated trails within Queensland National Parks

Reason for agreement amongst those who agree mountain bike riding should be allowed on designated trails in Queensland National Parks (Base n=334)





Reason for disagreement amongst those who disagree mountain bike riding should be allowed on designated trails within Queensland National Parks (Base n=46)

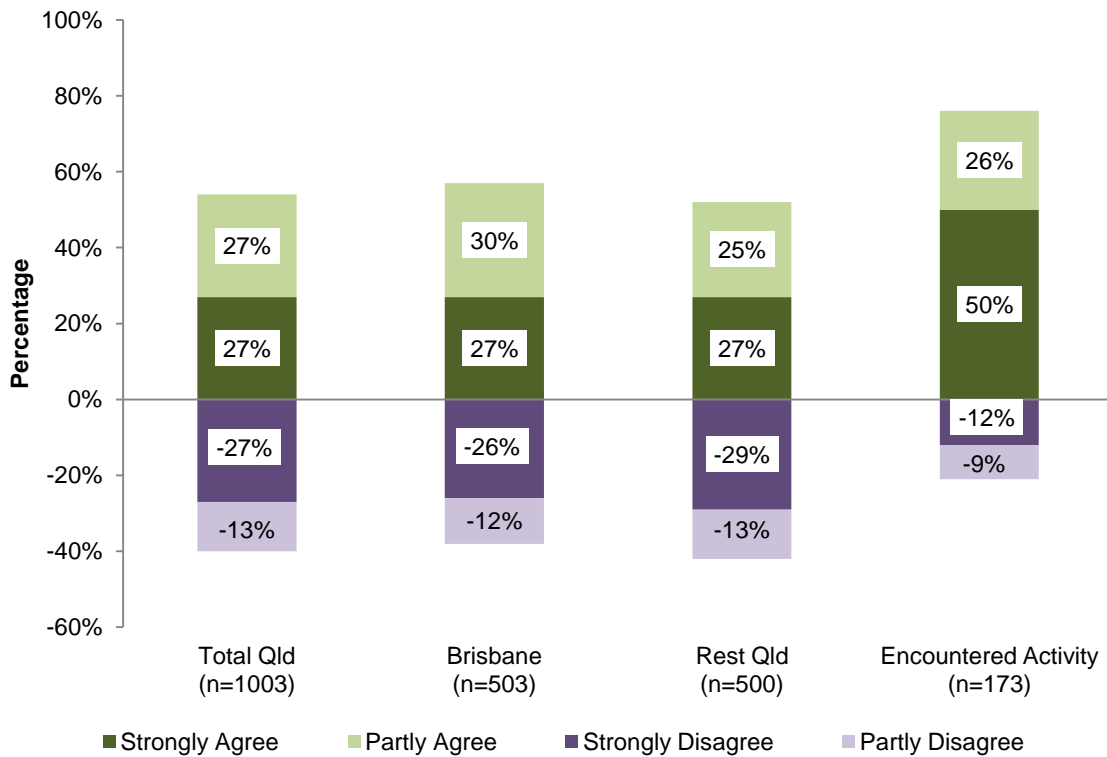


For the full list of verbatim responses please see Appendix 3.2.5 and 3.2.6.



3.1.8 Agree or disagree that 4 wheel driving should be allowed on designated trails within Queensland National Parks

Agree or disagree that 4 wheel driving should be allowed on designated trails within Queensland National Parks (Base n=1,003)



Attitudes to 4 wheel driving in Queensland National Parks				
	Brisbane (n=503)	Rest of Queensland (n=500)	Total Queensland (n=1003)	Encountered Activity (n=173 visited park in last 4 weeks / visited park)
TOTAL AGREE	84%	83%	84%	76%
Strongly Agree	47%	55%	52%	50%
Partly Agree	37%	28%	32%	26%
TOTAL DISAGREE	12%	8%	10%	20%
Partly Disagree	6%	2%	4%	9%
Strongly Disagree	6%	6%	6%	12%
Neither / don't know	4%	9%	6%	4%



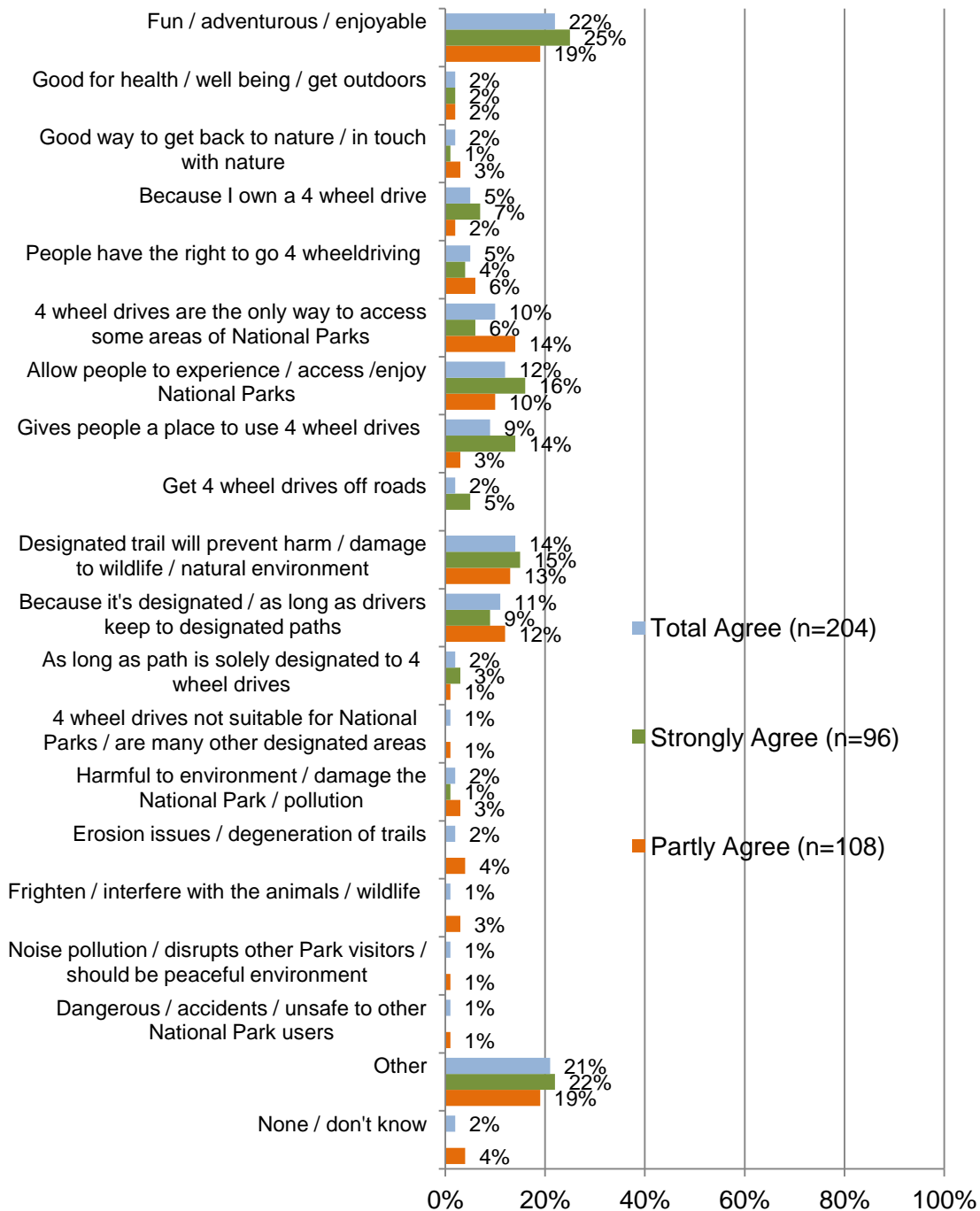
Key Finding:

- **Queenslanders are divided over allowing four wheel drives on designated trails in National Parks:** 54% agreed that this activity should be allowed whilst 40% disagreed with allowing the activity. It was noteworthy that those who had encountered the activity were most in agreement (76%) with allowing four wheel driving.



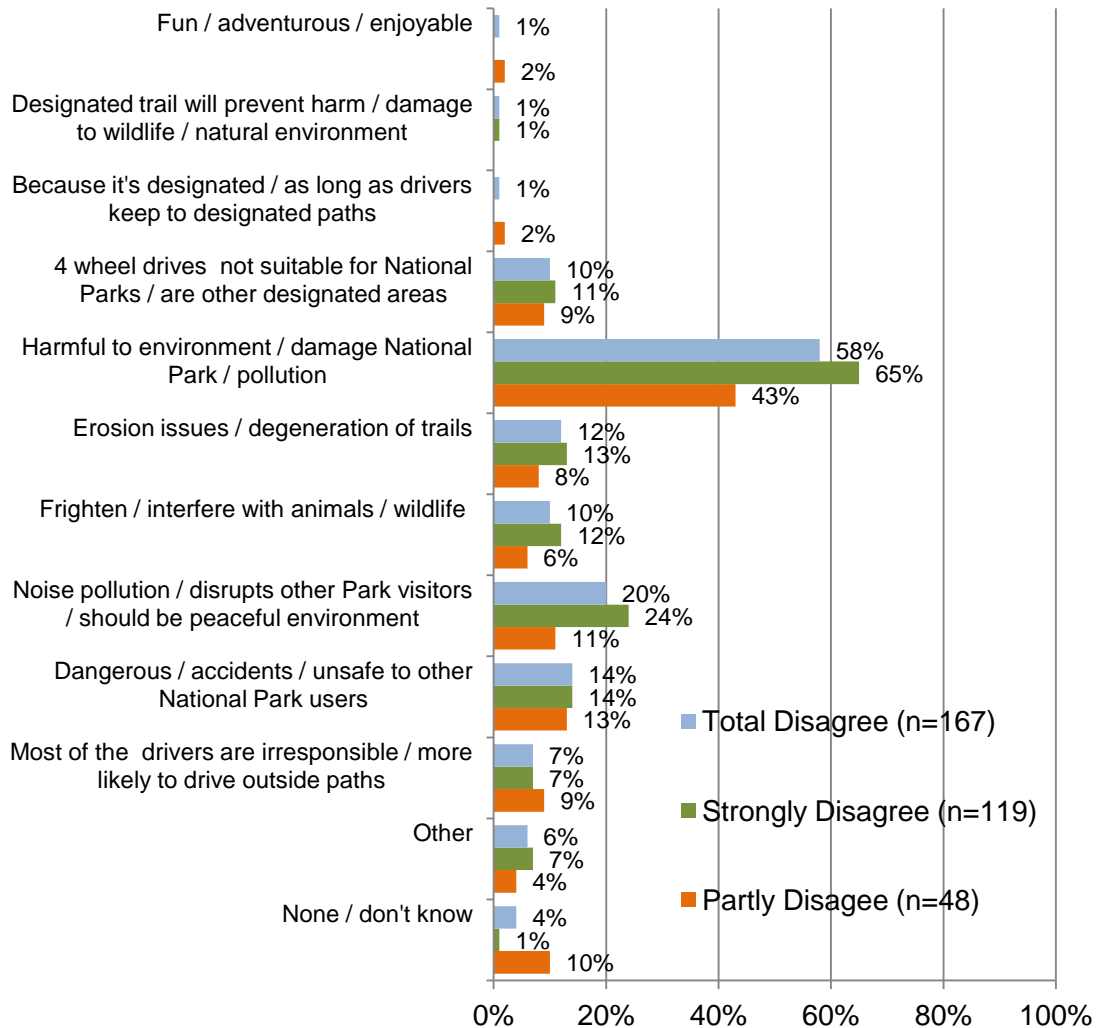
3.1.9 Reasons why agree / disagree that 4 wheel driving should be allowed on designated trails within Queensland National Parks

Reason for agreement amongst those who agree four wheel driving should be allowed on designated trails in Queensland National Parks (Base n=204)





Reason for disagreement amongst those who disagree four wheel driving should be allowed on designated trails in Queensland National Parks (Base n=167)



For the full list of verbatim responses please see Appendix 3.2.7 and 3.2.8.



3.2 Verbatim Reasons For and Against Horse-Riding On Designated Trails

Please Note - the following comments are recorded 'verbatim' by the CATI interviewer and may contain profane messages. At the request of QPWS these have been edited for grammar.

3.2.1 Agreement That Horse-Riding Should Be Allowed On Designated Trails

Strongly agree

- Where else are you gonna ride? They do no worse than what most bikes do and it's nice to go for a ride.
- They should be able to go anywhere they want to go, 'cos they got nowhere else to go in the paddocks and the side of the roads. It would be good if you could ride a horse and go shopping.
- If it's restricted it's getting people out into the environment and getting people to see nature.
- I think it's a good way for people to get out and enjoy the scenery on a horse as long they're on the designated paths that's fine.
- Well, where else can you ride a horse? Well, if you have a horse and don't have a farm where can you ride it? It's good for the young people and clubs to be able to ride in a National Park. Most people that care for a horse are not going to the park any harm are they?
- They're not doing any harm.
- Not hurting anybody, just doing their thing. If people know that's where they're riding - the tracks are usually away from walking tracks anyway.
- When they're riding them there they're not on the roads and the horse will like it.
- To allow the horse riders to use Nationals, it's a good environment, pleasant environment. They don't hurt anybody.
- Because they do little damage. Motorbikes do a lot more damage. Horses are part of the environment.
- My friends ride horses and I would like to. I think horses are a better thing of transport in that area.
- 'Cause they're horses and you have to let horses ride. That's the reason you can't lock 'em up in the stable.
- Because I feel that the people in our country are taking away the enjoyment that we are to have and they are closing these parks. They are not maintaining them, and I feel that it's not on. Same with the Highlands and the Snows Ends, horses are not allowed there anymore because of the Greens.
- No reason why they shouldn't be allowed. They're not doing anything that causes damage to the environment, they stick to the trails.
- If they're on designated trails then why not? That's what they're there for.



- I just think that they should be allowed - they're part of nature out there as well.
- The reason being that they close a lot of roads and tracks for vehicles to go through. I used to be a beef farmer in Victoria, and the tracks are now closed. You see nothing of the Grampians, you only see what they want you to see off the road, you don't see the actual National Park itself, how it should, um, it's always been for 100s of years.
- I just feel that they should be. Other than it's all out there for all of us to enjoy.
- 'Cos it gives them an outlet to go riding in a National Park instead of on the road or on the street. It gives them somewhere to go riding and I don't think it damages the environment too much. Gives the kids something else to do if they've got horses, gives them somewhere else to go too. Keeps them out in the fresh air.
- I don't think that horse-riding damages, if there's a trail, it should be allowed. Allow people to get off the highway and ride their horses and have a nice environment to ride their horses in.
- They are usually responsible people and should be able to have some recreational things to do. They look after the horses and trails and don't muck them up.
- They do less damage and than 4 wheel drives, than motorbikes.
- I'm a bushie from way back. Anyone who hasn't done hasn't lived. Nothing better than riding on a horse around National Parks and Forestry's. That's how I grew up - next to a National Park.
- I can't see how they can hurt anyone. If people want to ride horses, you should be allowed so long as you behave yourself. It's our country we should be allowed to use it, it's a park we should be allowed to use it.
- Well, as far as I can see it's a good thing - horse riding. If there's no where else to go, then they have to have somewhere to go to do their riding.
- I just think it's a right to anyone who's got a horse to be able to clop around as much as they want. I don't ride myself, I think the major one is we're just over regulated - we shouldn't be regulated as much as we are.
- Just to be able to go out and go where ever you want to.
- If they're designated I can't see anything wrong with it at all. Strongly think they should be, people have got a right to do things.
- Opens it up to another type of user, it's quite enjoyable if around.
- It's a good past time, I think it's a good thing, and they beat trail bikes.
- I see it as a zero damage situation. It gets people away from computers, it's just a nice thing to do, and I do a lot of horse riding myself. It's a low impact use of a natural resource and some people choose to do it that way. You can cover more country in a day and it certainly beats walking.
- Because there is no where else for them to go. Horse riding is good and health it is good for the animal, it is good for the people. Everyone needs to get out in the fresh air.



- I just think that horses ought to be allowed and they have a right more than anyone else does. I don't see a reason why they shouldn't be, I just think other people need areas for other recreation too.
- I like horses; I don't see a safety risk or reason to ban horses.
- Because I don't believe there's enough horses to do any damage - little possibility of them running over anyone.
- Because I'm an endurance rider, we need somewhere to ride.
- Because I suppose people have horses and don't have properties to ride.
- Its safe and free freedom. I think it's a sense of freedom it's good for horses to race through the forest; it's not around cars it's in its own environment. Horses were here long before man and cars and I think they should have an area where they can run in their natural environment.
- Because I don't see horses as problem, it's better than the other crap that goes on in parks.
- Basically some of my family does it, understanding the damage the horses do is very slim, minimal damage to environment.
- Well, I'm a horse lover so I think that people would get a kick out of being more with nature and they need to get in touch with that stuff again. Too many city folk not being in touch with animals.
- I believe that they need a place to ride.
- Well, there are limited spaces, and animals need to exercise, and I suppose they can only do so much in their stables.
- Its designated trail then by definition it should be allowed. I would imagine it would be chosen through risk assessment, occupational health and safety and the environment. It's the way of the world.
- Its quite good exercise to do.
- Basically because for people who like horse riding, the areas that you can do this is very limited so it would enable more areas and I think for those people who like it is an age appropriate activity, it is affordable.
- It's a pastime to keep kids out of trouble.
- If it's on designated trails only then there's minimal impact.
- Because I want to do it.
- Because it's a natural activity. If they are designated its not going to do any harm to the park per say - not going to carry the seeds that people talk about. People worry that horses will eat something and the faeces will be contaminated. It is safe, sensible, and if managed it's not going to be a problem.
- Just something that people have always done. Don't give off any carbon. Horse poo is good for everything. Good recreational thing, it relaxes you.
- Well, if it is designated I don't see the problem. It's not something I've thought about. I used to be a farmer and had horses. I don't know if they have a designated trail. I don't see why they wouldn't have the use to use it.
- It's an easier way for people to get around. Enjoyable - that's a good fun activity.



- We really enjoy horse-riding and there is a lack scenic places that are safe to ride if you're not allowed to ride in a National Park. I think it would increase the usage of National Parks than current numbers, we as a family would enjoy it.
- It is recreation thing and people should be allowed to get out and do things like that.
- Coming off the land I fail to see how they could do much damage to it and it's a good way for people to get out in the environment. I think it's a good healthy pastime for people who want to ride horses, a good way of seeing it -you can see a lot more on horse back than riding.
- For the simple fact that's all we had years ago horses. Less pollution taking a horse than a motorbike.
- Because it's just like people walking a dog, it should be just as equal. Well, they gotta have places to ride, so they have dog parks and that, so they should have some for other animals as well.
- They don't hurt anything, good for those doing it.
- Everybody should have access to National Parks but it would have to be a limited area, depending on the area and sensitivity of the area. So long as they don't ride in sensitive areas.
- It's a good practical use of the area.
- Basically all my life, I was riding horses since I was 4 years old. Horse-riding is one of the best exercises you can get, uses nearly every muscle in your body, good to get out in the fresh air. If I was bit unhappy I would get on my horse and go out for a ride, these days young kids don't have anything to do, most of them don't want anything to do.
- Well, they gotta ride the somewhere and I feel they're not going to be any harm if they stay on the path.
- People have hobbies and they like to ride so they should allow people to do that.
- I like horses and I think horses are animals that deserve a part in human life, and they serve a purpose - social, I suppose - bringing people together. Lots of people have strong love for horses; they still play a great role in Australian lifestyle. Still a lot of people involve with horses - show jumping, pony clubs and horses still play a big part in Australian lifestyle. Animal rights - the horse doesn't deserve to be stuck in a pen all day, just like you walk your dog, you should walk your horse, I'm an animal lover anyway.
- They've got a right where the designated areas are, its fine on the areas.
- Because it allows more people to access National Parks without causing any grief. I just think its a good recreational activity, it utilises National Parks for people who can't walk, for example, people who can't walk for long distances may go on horses to explore the National Park.
- Because they are not a really bad animal and they are not dangerous.



- It's good for people to get out and about on horses; it gives them a feeling of wellbeing. Understanding a bit more about nature as they ride through it, understanding horses, getting away from civilisation as we know it in the city, good exercise.
- Just it's a, um, getting back to nature recreation for people, getting people involved in something in the outdoors sort of thing.
- Because they've got nowhere else to go.
- Just because there isn't a lot of places to ride them unless you have your own property, and if they are designated trails they wouldn't cause that much damage. Its fun, people would like it, more places for people to ride horses.
- I love horse, don't care where they go as long as they are happy. Don't care about the riders so much, people should be able to go where they are comfortable going.
- They're not going to do any damage, decent fertilising.
- I think it's a perfect environment to take a horse. If it's a designated trail there's going to be minimal impact environmentally.
- I can't see it being too environmentally impacted; they're fairly surefooted creatures, not a lot of noise or pollution.
- It's only fair that everyone can use it; if you can walk there you should be allowed to ride there as well.
- It's a great idea, and a way that horse riders can enjoy National Parks.
- So people know where to ride and that. Well, they are not going to destroy other vegetation by walking on the actual path; if you shut the path down they would walk anywhere.
- Relaxation, I don't see why not.
- 'Coz I used to horse ride, it's a good sport and people should access to places to ride. National Parks should be enjoyed if they are big enough and adequate for that purpose.
- People can travel and easier for them to take out as long they're on the path.
- My niece has horses but she has no where to go to ride them. As long as they stick to the trail they should be fine. To get people out of the house, an outing, to get families together, to go to a park, to a horse trail, to get families to go on a horse trail and then have a picnic at the end. It would be more pleasure for people who own horses; my niece has trouble paying to horse ride.
- I like horses, recreations.
- Because people have to ride a horse nicely in a nice area. It's everybody's National Park and if they want to they should be allowed.
- Because I think it's a lovely form of exercise and everything's done the right way it would be good especially for the younger people. The connection of the animal to the person, there are a lot of benefits from that.
- People love their horses and their riding so a natural environment should be normal, horses need exercising and that's a good area, large area and horses need large areas. National Parks are usually big.



- 'Coz many people like horse riding, they either cant walk or go the distance so they need cartage - they need the outings.
- I can ride instead of walking, I'm a lazy.
- They have a right to.
- Because they should have the right to go because horses are just like dogs and people take dogs to parks so there shouldn't be no reason why horses shouldn't ride on parks. It's not like they're in the way or causing any problems - no environmental problems.
- More environmentally friendly than motor bikes and BMX bikes.
- They're horses, they were around before cars, can't see any harm.
- Because it's a nice place to ride.
- I don't think they do any damage; people who ride in National Parks are very responsible, it's better than riding on the street.
- Because there's not that many places to go, so why not?
- So that people can enjoy themselves without fear of being hurt.
- Because I think there's the freedom that people like doing it. It's a recreation that a lot of people enjoy, freedom of choice.
- Anything that gets people into the fresh air is good with me. They don't do much damage if they stay on the trail.
- I just think they should be allowed, if you can ride your bike and walk your dog you can walk your horse.
- Just cos it's a nice outdoors activity but then you don't want to go out of the designated area because it might damage the plant life.
- There are just not many places people can go. It'll raise awareness of those parks.
- Don't know.
- I live in a country town, there are not a lot of places where the kids can ride safely, motorists aren't forgiving or thoughtful with horses on the road. I've watched people and it just puts the hair up on my neck, they will cut in behind a horse.
- People need to ride somewhere, as long as they stick to the area.
- They have to exercise horses somewhere. Not all can afford pastures for the horses.
- I just love riding through the bush mate and I think as long as it's on the designated path everyone knows the horses are there. The only problem I would see, not with the horse, you could injure someone. I just strongly agree.
- Because some places there is no alternative, that is pretty much it.
- Cos I ride horses, why? Because horses need to be exercised.
- What's the use of having a nice big National Park if no one is seeing it? I think access it and enjoy it.
- Well, I think as long as it's a suitable area and no one is in any danger, no other reasons.
- Because it wouldn't do any harm and it is a sporting recreation for people.
- They don't damage any of the bush or anything. Nice to see people out riding, they don't pollute anything; it's just nice to go riding out of the yard.



- If it's designated it shouldn't be a problem with the environment. It shouldn't cause any harm, it should be alright.
- Just because they got a designated area means ride around where they should be.
- It's a part of the recreational activity in a park.
- I have been farmed for many years and looked after horses and they do very little harm. The riders of horses are members of our family and they're very responsible and conservation minded. It is a very good occupation because it helps develop a young person's character and humility.
- Well, its fitness for people. Its better people are going out and doing exercise with their families rather than staying home and horses don't do that much damage - they carry the different seeds.
- Another recreation activity to get people outside.
- I think if they're on trails they aren't doing any damage.
- Give people a chance to get out and see the area, if they have their horse with them the better. My daughter really enjoyed horse riding so why shouldn't other people as long as they don't destroy anything, as long as they stick to the tracks.
- Because I can't see why they can't be. There's no reason to stop them so why not let them? They gotta have somewhere to ride.
- Because it is a healthy form of exercise, gets you back to nature. It is a good way of seeing the natural environment without needing to be at peak fitness.
- Horses are a lot less damaging than a motor bike. Before motor bikes came along we only had horses. People who ride horses are different to motor bike riders they're more humane.
- It's the way things used to be, it's the social side of it. Kids aren't allowed to do nothing so they're into mischief.
- Well, National Parks should be allowed for people to enjoy themselves and the country, that way they can horse ride if they like at the right place.
- If they're staying on the trail they aren't damaging the environment and they've been doing it for thousands of years.
- They don't do much damage if they make sure they're looking after the place. I'm sure they wouldn't damage anything if they were on trails.
- Sitting up higher on the horse and can see more.
- Horses don't hurt the National Park; they're leaving a footprint like they're meant to do. If they're wild then they're a problem.
- Should be shared with everyone, good way to appreciate a National Park.
- They need somewhere to go.
- I think it's a good skill and good bond between horse and rider and I think its activity that should be endorsed.
- Because there should be certain areas where people are allowed to do that, because its part of being Australian doing outdoor activities.
- They do no harm, we pay taxes to take care of those parks we should be able to use them.
- They're good.



- Why not? If you got a horse you need to take it out. They don't hurt the environment. I think dogs should be allowed in a National Parks.
- 'Cause everyone has a right to choose - do it if they want to.
- Natural, cantering through the park - enjoyable for the rider.
- Because they're not hurting anything.
- I suppose you are helping the environment, it's good for Aussies to go.
- They won't harm anything and I think it's good for the horses and good for the person and good for what's around them as well.
- Because they can't be locked up all the time, that's it.
- Because they have been in the past and the parks are owned by the people and I don't even like horses, they're stupid, but I do live in the country.
- Well, it is not hurting the environment. They would be better off in the bush than on the roads.
- Because I enjoy horse riding and if you can go anywhere it makes it an enjoyable ride. You can get around; trail bikes can go there so horses should be as well.
- I think it's a non-invasive pastime, people should be allowed to do it. I don't agree that horses destroy the environment and I don't object to it.
- I don't know.
- I just believe that a horse will have less impact on the National Parks than like the trail bikes tearing up the trails.
- That's probably the best place for them; I just think they belong there. That's probably the safest place for them and its better than them being on the road.
- Because we have nowhere else, cos they can't go on the roads. It's good for the children to learn to ride in the wild, there is no traffic.
- Long as it is completely controlled I can't see there being any harm done, as long as it's designated and properly controlled.
- Keeping kids off the road and kids who live in the forest should be able to use it.
- Because it is part of the country, it is part of our heritage to use the trails.
- An area that everyone can use, for all types. As long as you are not damaging anything, if you don't use it it's a waste.
- They are there for the people and people doing recreational things including riding horses. Horses are nice.
- It's an animal with its rider; it's controlled as opposed to machine. It's something that is in the environment as it is natural. I just think that if you're going to have anything in there it's better that it's an animal than trail biking or cars and 4 wheel drives and it leaves manure behind as opposed to cars.
- The way a lot of that country was discovered and explored. It just a very nice recreational animal.
- I ride horses. Where else if they are going to ride? If push bikes have roads why not us?
- Because it is horse riding, it should be around, it is natural. It is getting people outside, it is natural. I think people have to have places to ride, it is a natural thing. Have to be able to ride somewhere.



- They leave a low damage foot print compared to wheeled transport. They're environment recyclers, they provide an excellent way to view and enjoy the park.
- They're not going to destroy and not cause much damage to the environment, and they need somewhere to ride.
- Healthy, inclusive of riders.
- Don't hurt the environment. Horse people need to ride somewhere.
- Would like to encourage greater use. No problem if only on designated trails.
- If it's designated then it's not going to disrupt the environment or anything.
- I don't think horses damage the environment to the same extent as trail bikes or 4 wheel drives. A reasonable thing to do in a National Park.
- I used to ride, there isn't anywhere else and you can't go on roads anymore. Most riders are capable of looking after their horses and they can look after the bush.
- Well, it's a pastime; it's going to get people out and about.
- Nice quiet way, I don't know. People are free to do whatever they want.
- Because I see no reason it shouldn't be. Keeps them off the roads.
- They should be allowed everywhere. Horses can go more places than 4X4.
- Good activity, not harming the park.
- Because everybody is allowed their own sport, so everyone is allowed their own pastime, recreational.
- Less impact than other forms of recreation we use.
- Fun.
- Never thought of it. I like animals, I like horses.
- Because the people who make the trails will also clean a lot of the weeds that clog it up and take care of it and there is less chances of bushfire if people are driving through it all the time.
- Well, I can't see why not.
- I think it's more appropriate even than cars. More environmentally friendly, a good way to explore nature. I have no particular reason to disagree with it.
- It's there to be enjoyed.
- Because I would like to do it myself. Don't usually do that much damage.
- Why not? Sure.
- 'Cause they can't do any bad, won't damage the National Park and will make it easier for people.
- On designated trails they wouldn't do any damage.
- Don't know.
- What harm would it do? I think they should be allowed to, why shouldn't they? Can't see anything wrong with it, surely you can go out and ride a horse in National Parks, can't see anything wrong with it.
- Horses are part of nature; they don't do too much damage. It is more natural than bikes.
- Because it's not safe to ride on the road, it's nice to be able to ride in the bush.



- Because it's a good activity and a good one outdoors, and to ride a horse. I don't see any harm in it. I think having exciting outdoor activities encourages young guys to get out there, out of the norm.
- They deserve to have a place to ride too.
- Where else could they ride? If areas are designated it's okay.
- Because why shouldn't they be it's a National Park for people and people like to ride horses so they should be allowed to? I can't see a reason why not.
- They are an animal, not endangering the environment very much.
- They are riding out there and not in the streets or anything. It turned really good, because they can get their horses and ride them.
- I just think that it is an animal; they do not do that much damage.
- No particular reason I just don't think it should not be allowed.
- I do not think it should cause a problem; it is not going to hurt anybody nor cause damage to the environment as long as it is on the designated trails.
- Because they should have somewhere to go and there is probably room for them there.
- Well, it's our country, and why should we be dictated by what we can and can't do? It's our National Parks. Well, there's too many of them and they're not being looked after properly. Where I go not up to scratch – 'up to shit' with management.
- Because of the poor people and kids who want to ride horses, gives them somewhere to ride their horses.
- They have a right like everyone else to use the State Park.
- I live in the country so I grew up with that sort of stuff, kept me out in the bush and off the road. I dunno, just country lifestyle is all I can think of.
- Well, you have to have somewhere to ride a horse. I could not see any way a horse could do any damage in a National Park.
- They are not doing any harm are they? We are not in communist Russia yet. The National Park are there for people to use and not be locked up they belong to the people.
- I like horse riding and it's a good thing for people to do, it's better than stealing cars. I don't think they damage the environment, for the amount of people that go riding, and what's the point of having a National Park if you can't enjoy it?
- Well, there are not many other places for them to ride.
- If they are designated, I cannot see why not.
- It gives a recreational aspect to some people and it doesn't do as much damage as some people say it does.
- As long as they stick to the path they don't affect anything. I suppose it gives somebody pleasure.
- My reason is that I believe that everyone has equal rights to access to National Parks 'cause they are for the people.
- People enjoy doing it. National Parks - we all own it so should be able to use it.
- They need somewhere to ride and its safe clean area.



Partly agree

- There should be an area where they can because that is, you know, like an area for horse riding so when they do all their cross country races at least they have some idea. Even good for the environment, for disabled children as well. So at least they know what they've got to be keeping an eye on them. I think some of them go to riding schools at least it's nice for them to see the bush. It would have to be, how can I say it, ones who are capable of going onto the bushes otherwise there shouldn't be any 4 wheel drives or anything like that as that will upset the horses.
- They gotta go somewhere haven't they? They're certainly better going through a park than on roads. Why shouldn't they?
- If they like to ride a horse what is wrong with it? I don't care it doesn't matter to me.
- As long as they stay on the trails I can't see them do any damage. I think it's good for the kids to get the fresh air and ride horses. They learn things while being with different trees and animals.
- Gotta be done somewhere. Need somewhere for them to go.
- I think it's a healthy sport and if someone's got a horse I just think it's healthy for them to be able to use tracks.
- These days there aren't a lot of places people can get outdoors. With young kids it gives them an interest.
- Getting people to the outdoors.
- There are, I believe, country wide trails that some of them were before National Parks and they go through the different states and I think they continue to use those. I think it's the National Horse Trail. Other than that and fund raising perhaps for general recreation they shouldn't be able to use them. Horse manure is one of the major pick up points for tetanus. Children will be more likely to pick up the disease. And of course with the Hendra virus which can be transmitted from horses to people and can be fatal.
- So long as they look after it. So they can go and look through it, as long as they keep it clean and don't throw rubbish away. Stick to the trails and not destroy the vegetation. Just so many months of the year depending on the condition of the ground.
- I think it would be nice.
- So that the community can enjoy them as long as they're on the trail too, not destroy the scrub. Enjoy the park in a different way. Great way to enjoy the park.
- I think it is a natural activity.
- Well, I have no particular reason but I don't think cars and horses mix.
- I don't think it could do any harm if everybody was under control with it. I think it gives people a chance to get outdoors and it's not doing anybody any harm. Not many places where they can do those things. I think it would be a good idea.
- Because I have no reason to disagree.



- You have to be able to ride them somewhere. Can't think of any other reason but can't think of any why they couldn't either.
- They belong to the people. It's a good pastime.
- Because I think if it's on designated trails it is adequately controllable and compatible with the concept of a National Park.
- Just to give them a free ride and do and go where they want.
- I ride pushbikes so why not horses?
- Probably if the horse leaves poo behind it would be smelly. It would be fun. I think I would like to try it if it is allowed. I just think it would be an attraction, but the only thing is the cleanliness.
- For recreational values, however I recognise that horses can cause contamination. Just that it's good for as many people to use recreational areas for whatever reasons they like.
- Ah, just people get out and about on horses. Get a bit further in a day and see a bit more. If you go walking, it's easier to go horse back. Sit back and enjoy yourself. Everyone's different, you know?
- I see no damage. I don't see anything wrong with it, it's completely harmless.
- Without knowing the exact impact I would say not necessarily all of them. If it was for example former State Forests that would be okay. It's not a motor bike so I feel horses have relatively low impact.
- Because it would be enjoyable to do, because where else are people going to ride their horses?
- I guess if you have a horse you need a place to ride it.
- Because it's good recreation.
- Just making more accessible for people that want to ride without the need to go right into the bush.
- Like walking.
- I guess because I wouldn't want horse related diseases that might cause environmental problems for the National Parks.
- Designated trails it won't cause environmental damages. Lifestyle choice.
- As long as its well managed and not too hard on the path. Causes too much damage.
- I think its good to keep horses going and I think it's a good way of visiting. It's better than cars. See it as a means of people appreciating the bushland and it's far less intrusive.
- I believe its one of those things. Horses have been here longer than what we have, the right thing to do - put them out into nature. But then again there are people who abuse the situation, go off the trail and damage.
- Better than on the foot path and leaving their dung behind on that.
- Have to be able to ride somewhere. People always ride through my farm and it's dangerous. National Park is a much safer environment for riding.
- Well, just for the enjoyment, I don't like to do it myself but people like to go horse riding.



- It seems to be a recreation, and they've got somewhere to go I suppose, and if it's controlled then it's the right way to go. I'm allowed to drive and park in designated areas in the park so therefore they should be.
- I think its sort of a good thing to get out with nature. I think horses are okay.
- It's nice idea.
- Because the horse riders have to ride their horses somewhere. They should enjoy the country as much as the walkers.
- I think I don't see that it would damage the trails. It would be part of the experience of going to the National Forest Park. It just seemed to be a natural use of the park, no different to riding mountain bikes in the park.
- Its gives more places to ride their horses, not enough places in the city to do that.
- I can't see a reason why not.
- If they stick to the path and have consideration for other park users.
- Because I don't think it does any harm, if it's allowed.
- As long as they keep the horses to that area.
- Because horse riding is enjoyable, man has been doing for ages and it's a good sport.
- It's in their nature. Not willing to expand. Keep them off the main road.
- Just for personal freedom.
- It seems like a nice idea. And if they're just on the designated path it seems fine.
- Its not too damaging and people should have their fun.
- Well, as long as they are designated so they aren't trampling everything. Where else are they supposed to go?
- Well, I think people should be able to use our National Parks and owners and their horses wouldn't cause any damage to the park. Get more people using the parks.
- Well, they are just animals I guess.
- It's better than motorbikes and 4 wheel drive, not as intrusive. Not as bad for the environment and quieter.
- Its open to everyone I don't have a problem with.
- Don't see any drama with it. Should be okay if it's designated and they're not endangering the habitat.
- Just think they should, no real reason why they shouldn't. Horse riding can go pretty much where they want as long as its not private property.
- Nature, they should be allowed to do that in the parks.
- Main reason is as long as they stay on the parks. You have no control over where they go once they're actually started on the trail, there's nothing to say they can wonder off if there's not supervision.
- Just so long as remains only on designated paths. So as not to damage environment.
- I think they should be allowed to ride, as long as they stick to the designated trails.
- Don't really have a reason.



- Well, I certainly would prefer them to be on trails in National Parks rather than on roads and mixing with cars. It's a dilemma because horse faeces spread weeds. Good social recreation that I would not want to discourage.
- Don't know.
- 'Cause they're quiet, they don't do much damage.
- If it's managed it shouldn't cause damage or harm the environment. It's just you know it's a nice thing for them to be able to do. They should be able to enjoy the National Parks in that way as well.
- If well managed should be okay.
- It should be okay to do so on public grounds.
- Public should have access to the National Parks.
- For those that can't walk the distance, horse won't do too much damage on the designated trails.
- If it's just designated areas it gives them an area for horse riding but keeps the environment in mind.
- I just think they have a right to be there like everyone else.
- Particularly in suburban areas they need somewhere to ride, but they need designated areas. There should be specific areas where they can, if it's licensed in particular then it is less likely to be damaged.
- They should be able to ride on the trail as long as they pick up the poo.
- Everybody has their own like in sport. Young people should have an area to ride their horses in designated for horse riding.
- Well, I can't see why not. Well, as far as I know they wouldn't do any harm, so I can't see why not. Well, I think its nice seeing people ride around on horses. Well, I came back from England and areas in parks and horse riders are, well, you just walk around and it's nice, really nice.
- I think if it's designated then it's not going to be a problem as long as they're designated and that they are not trampling everywhere.
- Somewhere to ride their horses. Nowhere else to do it, suitable place.
- Because they can - to have as a recreation activity, for some business gets people in there. As long as they stick to trails.
- As long as it's well managed it's not a problem. I don't think it would be bad for the environment either.
- Just agree.
- National Parks are for everyone to use for recreation. Not many other places where they can go horse riding.
- A lot of people ride horses so they should be able to enjoy them too.
- As long as they stick to the trails, and they are not doing any harm. Animals are in the bush all the time, just the people on them you have to worry about.
- They don't do that much damage.
- If designated it will not cause damage to wildlife.
- Just for recreation as long as it is controlled, as long as they stick to the designated trails.



- Can't think of any negative reasons against it off hand. I don't know enough about the topic, I don't ride a horse myself so I don't have a sufficient interest in the subject. People involved in that area would have better informed decisions.
- What harm can they do? If they're on designated trails then what harm are they doing? Safer than being on the open roads. Good, healthy hobby, good pastime.
- The horses need to be ridden, why can't other people enjoy it as long as they are cleaned? Equal opportunity - I've got no dislike for it.
- Just not sure how effective a designated trail is, whether it will affect the commuters or people in park. Its hygiene as well - not sure whether they're going to effect it.
- Recreation, it is a beautiful place. I don't think they do any damage if they stay on the designated trail. They do less damage than people do.
- Just can't see why not. I don't know, it just gives people more option. A designated track shouldn't harm environment.
- Just because there might be some accidents on the roads, might disturb drivers.
- Inside the park is okay. It keeps them off the roads. It gives people the chance to ride horses.
- As long as environmental damage does not occur there is no harm.
- It is a safer place for the horses and riders as long as it designated. It is a way to explore the National Parks and it is a healthy activity.
- If they're in their own designated area they are not going to harm the National Park.
- Because it would be a nice activity to do. They have to ride somewhere.
- Because everyone has horses on small lots and the horse needs to get out and exercise.
- Cause its enjoyable.
- I enjoy it.
- It think there should be an avenue for people to exercise and as long it is a designated trail should be okay.
- The freedom that they have, but not too much. Riding the horses, but not causing any devastation.
- Have worked in horse industry. Riders are responsible, would allow riders to see in close contact with the environment and see views they could not access in other means.
- Some people enjoy it and if that's what they want.
- I can't see that it does any harm; I think it's good for the people who do it.
- Good for tourism, does not harm environment much.
- I suppose it all comes down to whether they cause any damage to natural wildlife. If it doesn't damage wildlife then I have no problem with it, if not they shouldn't go through. As long as it doesn't affect wildlife.
- Well, if they're designated trails so it shouldn't be damaging for that environment.



- Better for preserving the nature than other forms.
- I think it is great, it is recreation. As long as they pick up after themselves.
- I think everybody has a right to be out there and do their thing. As long as everybody is doing the right thing and adhering to any rules in place.
- It enables people to access parts that they otherwise would not be able to access and I do not think they do too much to harm the environment.
- Simply because we're not getting enough out of National Parks, not enough access. A fence, a lock up, it's become too many restrictions in general, some are warranted. Horse riding is a low impact thing in certain areas generally.
- Minimal damage, to the trail and the fauna and flora.

3.2.2 Disagreement That Horse-Riding Should Be Allowed On Designated Trails

Partly disagree

- Because who wants horse poo around the place? Its not there for the horses.
- We're supposed to be conserving the natural environments - we can't take dogs and other domesticated animals so we shouldn't take horses. Just protecting the natural environment.
- I'm aware they have hooves and they dig into the ground a lot, and that harms environment so I'm immediately cautious about that. I plead ignorance on the subject.
- Just concerned about the animals.
- Because the destruction of vegetation and environment.
- They destroy the walking tracks. If they get scared they can put the rider in trouble.
- 'Coz I'm not sure what the affect would be on the wildlife.
- I just don't think people look after the environment, horses damage things.
- I think the argument has been the damage to the area, spread of vegetation not native to the area, but I'm not sure if it's been proven.
- The horses can damage the environment.
- If the horse was to leave horse manure on the trails.
- To protect the park, minimise use by heavy animals.
- Due to damage that's caused - disturbing native wildlife.

Strongly disagree

- Soil erosion and spread of weeds.
- Because they leave behind their droppings and people step in them. There's always a chance one could run away from rider and hurt someone.



- Could talk for about an hour about it. Main issues are most trails are not suitable for hard hoofed animals. Main issue is that they spread weeds. They cause erosion issues. You can have horse trails that are suitable for horses that will not cause an issue but they are a problem in spreading weeds. They can make roads that will minimise erosion issues but they can't control the spreading of weeds.
- Hard hoofed animals shouldn't be in National Parks.
- If it's designated as a National Park it should stay as pristine as possible. Keep National Parks as pristine as possible and if you should go into those areas you should go by foot. National Parks aren't allowed to take in non-native animal so why should a horse be allowed?
- It is not safe for the kids. Sometimes it's a bit dangerous for himself as well those riding the horse because of branches and trees and uneven surfaces.
- I think that there are other places where you can do that. I think that it would be damaging to the National Park.
- Their hooves are too hard for our soil. Because Bribie Island is a sand island and any hard footed animals dig up the grass.
- It's dangerous for everybody in the park if horses are around.
- Hooves creep me out. They are an introduced species they've got no place. And it's more to do with people on their backs - usually horse abuses. I don't like their hooves, they creep me out. They're just diggy hoovy things.
- Because I haven't seen one yet pick up their horse poo. Danger because they can't have a hundred percent control of their horse, so if I'm on a mountain bike or running on the track then the horse could get spooked. I know the National Park guys don't like them because they remove seeds with their droppings and their fur and that's no good for the National Parks, but no other reasons for me.
- I've ridden horses before and I know what they do to the ground. They degenerate the ground and they wreck all the living cycles on the ground.
- They are not native animals. Their hooves break the environment, their dung doesn't break down, I think I have enough.
- I just can't see it doing any harm to the environment, few good turds, fertiliser.
- They could spoil it for others. Damage to land, plants, leave droppings that would affect walkers.
- Think it's an introduced animal and natural parks are for native animals.
- As long as they stay on the trail they're not chopping up the ground.
- It ruins it, creates erosion and ruins the ground.
- They shouldn't be allowed because they are hoofed animals and compaction is a big deal in Australia.
- Weed spreading.
- National Parks are for native plants and animals not for introduced plants and animals, erosion, weed control.
- Just the way they chew up the environment, the way the environment is destroyed by walking the horses. Its dung doesn't get picked up that brings flies into the area.



- It's walking.
- I just don't think they should be in there - mess.
- They trample the paths and stuff, they can disrupt wildlife. If people use the path they could get in the way.
- They do damage.
- They spread a lot of weeds and stuff like that. There are plenty of other places you can ride a horse.
- If they're National Parks it would interfere with wildlife - fauna interference.
- I think it hurts the vegetation.
- Environmental damage.
- Horse mucks up the walks.

3.2.3 Agreement That Riding Trail Bikes Or Motor Bikes Should Be Allowed On Designated Trails

Strongly agree

- Yeah, we like to ride motorbikes on trails as well, so having separate trails for horses and motorbikes that would be so awesome. So you can get out and have fun for both of those.
- Well, if they're given somewhere to ride they won't be illegally. Keep them off the roads I suppose.
- As long as they keep on the track and its no problems.
- Cos I ride trail bikes.
- Recreation for adults and kids supervised.
- Because if you don't allow them to ride in parks they'll ride them on the streets illegally. Its recreational activities, it gets kids out doors and doing activities. Enjoyment.
- Makes it safer. They've always got somewhere to go.
- I've got 7 grandsons who do it and 2 of them are dirt bike racers. Gets them out of the house and away from the towns.
- No where else for people to ride them. The only place to ride.
- Everyone has a motor bike especially dirt bikes and you can't ride them on the road and its getting difficult to find areas to ride them legally.
- We own them and it's difficult to find places to ride them.
- Well, a lot of the bike tracks, motocross, that were opened have slowly been closed due to development. There is no where for motocross riders to ride, except National Parks, some people do it on the roads. If they can do it legally in the National Parks, it will get them off the roads, doing stupid stuff. Well, as a motor bike rider myself I grew up, I had more bush land behind me. These days the bush is getting further and further away, it's at least 2 hours away to find anything decent to ride. It also comes down to the dollar, if they are allowed to for a small price I think it would be a win win for everybody.



- I would not agree that the path for a dirt bike would be the same as a path for a person and horse.
- Good exercise to do.
- My husband used to ride a trail bike, and a lot of the trails have had to be closed because they were privately owned and the public liability costs were too expensive and so they were closed. So now he has to travel 3.5 hours away. More availability and closer to home.
- Same reason so minimal impact if it's on designated trails.
- Because my son wants to do it.
- Get people away from computers and out into the bush.
- People are having fun and enjoying life and exercising instead of going to crime and keeps them out of trouble.
- To get them off the road, off private property. Give them somewhere to ride. Get young kids off the road and give them somewhere to ride.
- It's just the people's choice if they want to buy bikes they should be allowed to ride in National Parks.
- Just in the designated areas it's fine.
- Same principle, if used responsibly it would enable people who do not have access to National Parks access. Lots of regulations around it to ensure there is no denigration on tracks. You wouldn't be racing motor bikes through the parks. It's not a racing facility.
- No reasons.
- Because I've got one myself and there is nowhere to ride and the cops get you on the road. So if you ride on a trail it gets people off the street riding them.
- Because then there will only be messing up that piece of land.
- Well, it would be non-residential, so it would be quieter and less noise pollution. It might get them off the street; bring quietness into the city, suburban streets.
- No different to horse people, they love motorbikes. National Parks are usually away from heavily populated areas, environments.
- Not causing any harm as long as people know about it it should not be a problem.
- If they are on a path designated then it seems fine.
- That is a designated place for the riding.
- Just to protect the environment, as long as on designated trails.
- Good exercise. They should have the right to ride bikes if they want to.
- I just believe it's good fun. Done safely its good fun, also it teaches kids how to handle bikes
- Access to enjoy it.
- That's what National Parks are made for; it gets them off the roads.
- We ride motor bikes, so we do like them. If designated area safer for people who use them.
- Because of the social side of things, I think it's necessary. I knew what kids used to do and now what they do now, they're PlayStation mad.



- Well, they should be allowed to enjoy themselves at National Parks as long as they stick to rule properly.
- People should be allowed to ride their bikes on designated tracks.
- If well managed then good.
- Same for outdoor Australian lifestyle, part of our culture particularly in far North Queensland.
- If they've got a place for them and somewhere to ride they'll just go there. Its good for them, they're not on the road causing havoc.
- Once again allowing people to use National Parks that are there. But I don't like trail bikes but I know people who do.
- My husband and I both ride. I'd be in trouble if I didn't agree with that one. Social reasons, a group of us like to go riding.
- Because it will keep them off the streets, as long as they stay on the trails.
- They've got to go somewhere.
- Allows trail bike riders to experience parts of the National Parks. Well, it gives different people of the community access to the parks.
- Keep kids off the road.
- As long as the bike is registered. People should be able to enjoy the park, it's your right to be able to use the park.
- Because the places that are available at the moment are getting shut down or built out and I think it's a really good hobby or sport for young people and if there's a designated area then they're not frustrating neighbours with noise and it's still exciting for them because it's a rural atmosphere. Safety as well.
- I think it gives people somewhere to ride a motorbike, I think it is part of the freedom of living in Australia.
- If a horse is allowed, why aren't motorbikes? Same thing - no property where can they ride?
- Needs to be a place for them to do it.
- Parks aren't for everybody. If there are designated trails then that implies consideration has been given to damage that they may cause. If it's designated, everyone has a right access the park provided they don't damage it; leave it as you found it.
- If they don't have designated areas they will drive anywhere they want.
- It gets people out of their houses.
- People should be able to do what they like.
- As long as damage is minimum.
- People have toys like bikes and we need to use them and if we can't use them in the parks then people will start using them illegally. It's fun.
- Because those guys have to have somewhere to ride their bikes, and if it is a designated area it is all good.
- Everyone has a right to use the park in a reasonable way, not being dangerous or being a hazard to other people, and not impacting on the environment in the park.



- Because they have designated trails and they won't go to places where they aren't allowed to go. You can keep the noise within that area and people will know that.
- Designated yes! Because they're ruining the tracks and just carving it up, they make a mess, definitely designated trails.
- As long as they abide by the rules I don't see any harm by abiding by the tracks.
- Not it all, but somewhere they wouldn't be damaging.
- Don't know.
- They deserve to have a place to ride too.
- They need a place to go and if it's in a park it's good.
- On designated trails there is no reason why we shouldn't be allowed there. It belongs to everybody; everyone should have their outlet to have fun.
- Once again they have to have somewhere to go; well I mean it is fun and good idea to go out on a trail bike in the bush. We pay for the park, the public, the community so we, the Australian people, should be able to use the parks. The Rangers are there to monitor and make sure people are doing the right thing. As long as the riders don't destroy the vegetation, and keep to the track. Each to their own as some people like to ride horses while others like to ride bikes.
- Same thing, as I have young boys in town who are going off rails, if they had somewhere to go ride motorbikes keep them out of trouble.
- Same again, give somewhere they can ride to avoid trouble in town.

Partly agree

- It doesn't matter to me. If they like to ride let them ride I don't care.
- They need somewhere to do it.
- If they are designated trails that should mean they have been classed as suitable for that use and presumably it wouldn't conflict with other use.
- So they can look around the places. Some of these places you can't get into, it is good to be able to look at things that you can't see. As long as idiots don't destroy the places.
- Because I feel it is a good outdoor activity and young people should participate in. And also it creates skills that these young people will need when they go on the road. And they don't make a lot of damage. It will allow young fellas some expertise and keep them active.
- Because people enjoy the sport, it is a challenging environment. Keeps the noise away from more populated areas.
- Because they have nowhere else to go.
- That they be only allowed for those particular vehicles and none other. Limited access only to them.
- Should be far away from walking areas. Noise pollution is an issue.
- If you can drive a car in there, you always see a sign saying 'no motorbikes', but if it's registered you should be allowed in there.



- Well, probably the younger riders aren't responsible because you can ride a trail bike underage. They can ride from 14 upwards and they probably aren't real responsible I think. Not all of them but some of them. Especially if they get in a group.
- Depends on the rider, it comes with the generalisation that a human is different to horses. I think as long as the safety rules are attained and they're on the designated trails there is no risk. The reason I say partly, is because the noise can be deterrent.
- If it was very well controlled it would be okay. But they tend to be idiots, get out of control.
- I agree because my husband rides, as long as they ride on designated tracks its fine.
- Just as a more obtrusive with noise and speed.
- Because I've seen the other side of it. Seen people hurt. I've also had a young cousin killed in a highway on Brisbane and that cuts you up a little bit too and a lot of the bigger vehicles don't see them coming.
- They need somewhere to go and if they don't go there they're going to go somewhere they shouldn't.
- Erosion that can be caused.
- For the same reason you need a place to ride it. It's better to ride it in a trail area as opposed to a city.
- Because if they are allowed off them they will tear the parks up. They shouldn't be allowed in suburbs if that's what you are looking for because they are noisy horrible things.
- 'Coz better than being on the main road.
- People tend to instead of doing the right thing, they go off designated areas, and it's not safe.
- Kids are going to do anyway so there might as well be a designated area to do it in. Can't restrict them they are going to rebel.
- I don't know, they don't affect me very much.
- Trail bike riding is a big part of Australian lifestyle. Sometimes I think there's a sort of a fine line between when they do have them, sometimes you get scared that children will get run over. Tracks have to be in the most practical place and where the safety of other people enjoying the National Parks, safety is first. They're quite loud. If they have tracks where people are camping, parents are on edge that their kids might get hit by motorbikes. Safety standards in National Parks have to be at a high level.
- Basically for the same reason - people recreation, whatever recreation people want to do. Well, the National Park people belong there and should be able to use them.
- Because they have got to have somewhere to go but they can chew up the park.
- It's a shame if you have a beautiful National Park and people can't use it for recreational purposes.
- I think its fine during designated hours for noise control.



- They need some area to ride, as long as it designated they should be allowed to use facilities.
- If the parks are big enough and the trails are suitable I don't see any problem with it.
- Just personal freedom again.
- Because it is designated for them.
- If it's not destructive to the environment in any way it should be allowed.
- No harm if they're designated trails. Recreation.
- Just for recreational purposes for the people that enjoy that type of sport. To get more people using the parks and understanding what happens in them and what not.
- Probably same reason, its open to everyone as long as it's designated it shouldn't be a problem.
- We have them so we can use them, but they also cause damage.
- So we can ride without damaging the parks.
- People enjoy doing it; therefore they should be allowed to do it in certain areas. Freedom of choice.
- Again I think there should be an area for that kind of activity but it should be a designated area so that it doesn't damage the parks.
- Don't know.
- So long as stay only on the path so no damage to environment.
- They need somewhere to ride - better than doing it somewhere else.
- For recreation for some people.
- As long as they stay on the trails and don't go off. They have to ride somewhere 'cause they can't ride on the road, someone's hobby and it's nice to get out and do it.
- Don't have a reason for that either.
- Have to have somewhere to go and it is fine on designated trails.
- Because they chew up the ground and the wildlife.
- Because it is a good way to appreciate a National Park. But then they are noisy and disruptive to other people using the National Park so it is important to have designated trail.
- I think they should as all people can get out these days and should be highly legislated. A lot of conflict between drivers and bike riders and should have roads for them.
- Happy for the public to access National Parks.
- I think some of the younger people deserve to be able to use them.
- So they have somewhere to ride.
- I like if they've got a place to go, they won't go to the places they shouldn't go, like where children are playing. So they can get off the streets.
- It is a hobby, if it is designated it should be okay. It is better off people having something to do, rather than sitting inside watching the box.



- They need designated trails otherwise they end up in places that they shouldn't. If it's designated they've thought about where they're putting it and it keeps them off the roads and properties, so having designated zones is good.
- I do that myself. They need to be able to ride somewhere.
- Probably do a bit more damage, if they stick to the designated trails if not.
- If they stay on designated trail bikes then I don't see any problem.
- They should be controlled responsible adults; it's dangerous if it's not controlled.
- Loud and annoying, people are entitled to be out.
- As long as they're separated from everyone else. At least it gives them a place to ride.
- They're away from homes; the noise level must be taken into account. Rather see them doing it in a designated area than on the streets annoying people; peace and quiet for the normal citizen, not annoying neighbours in town areas especially, and they have to have somewhere to let off steam, the young ones I guess.
- Wouldn't want it in a place where people would want to go for a quiet relaxing time.
- Because I think it's a designated area and they're not impacting on anybody or anything.
- There are some parks that would be suitable, if specific parts were designated.
- It gives people somewhere to ride bikes and enjoy them.
- Some places aren't accessible for 4 wheel drives so trail bikes would give that access.
- They have designated areas, but some go out of their designated area, that's why I partly agree.
- Some trails they should be allowed, like the entrance to the park.
- If could give designated trails and particular areas is okay
- If they stay on the designated trails is okay. If they veer they cause degradation.
- It would stop people riding illegally because there would be designated trails and that would create a safer environment to ride them.
- It's recreation to keep out of the bloody towns.
- Just keep them off the road and keep them away from everyone else.
- They need to be responsible and it needs to be managed so you can identify those who don't do the right thing, because it's the few who ruin it for the many.



3.2.4 Disagreement That Riding Trail Bikes Or Motor Bikes Should Be Allowed On Designated Trails

Partly disagree

- Well, they can't be on the same one as horses put it that way. They are noisy and a lot of times they need elements to ride them.
- Noise and the mess they leave behind.
- They usually have trails and that's enough don't think they need to be in National Parks. It's noisy.
- I just see them as that, they would damage the environment they'd tear it up the way people ride them they would just go around and go crazy. I don't think that's good for National Parks, I don't think that's what National Parks are good for.
- Well, it comes down to pollution and I guess lack of respect for other people.
- Its a place for peace and quiet, if you ride a horse you're not making a large amount of noise, you can't come up on someone in a hurry, you're not going flat out, where as on a motorbike you could put someone in danger. Mainly safety for other users of National Parks.
- It's noisy and destructive. They're dangerous for anybody else around.
- Noise pollution. Safety of others using the trails.
- Because there should be more of a peaceful environment and protect the animals.
- Don't know.
- This is more where I think it's dangerous and its, I just don't like it. I don't think it's a good idea. I just think its polluting too. I just wouldn't want it in there.
- The noise. I personally think if you go to a park you should walk or exercise other than drive through.
- Knowing some people that have done it and their attitudes, say if there is no path let's make our own, basically high damage to the environment.
- Because they'd scare the horses, because it's a park it'd scare any animals. To be frank, they're noisy and damaging to the environment.
- They would do damage to the nature that's there.
- They will go off the path.
- Just because a National Park is not appropriate place for bikes. Too much damage to the environment and wildlife.
- Noise, motor bikes scare any animals.
- They rip up the country more than the horses do. Too much noise.
- I don't believe there is effective ethical, free of political manipulation method in terms of management to allow motor bike or trail bike riding to occur. To ensure that the pristine state of things is protected.
- For the safety issue. Motorbike tracks should be built specifically for riding. For the safety of other people who aren't on motorbikes.



- I'll tell you what happened to my neighbour down in NSW. He was 10 years old and I bought him a trail bike and he was cutting round and then in the evening we realised he wasn't there. When we found him, we found him dead. Meat ants had eaten off his face. It was devastating for the parents to find him at 10pm.
- Because they could be dangerous.
- Riding on the designated paths will increase erosion.
- They might hurt somebody else. They might be too close to suburban areas.
- Because they're damaging to National Parks. Noise pollution.
- Concerned about damage and pollution.
- Mainly the noise and the damage that it could cause. Not as bad as horse riding anyway.
- Because they'd scare the horses. I think they're too noisy and I think people go to those places for peace and quiet and relaxation but you don't get that with those zooming around.
- It's just the damage and a nuisance I guess.
- It's a National Park. It shouldn't be ruined if it's a National Park by bikes.
- They disturb the wild life; they do make a mess at times.
- They are dangerous for the riders and spectators. Polluting.
- They destroy the track, more wear and tear on the track and the need for more maintenance on the tracks.
- They're very noisy; they ruin the ground and soil.
- Cause a lot of nuisance.
- Don't know.
- They ruin the atmosphere, the noise, so I don't like that.
- Destroy the vegetation in the park, dangerous to people walking and animals in the park.
- They just probably spoil the surface, the road, the road surface.
- They're often ridden by immature people and ridden dangerously on places they shouldn't be like dunes and grasses. Plus there is general destruction of the environment and the pollution it makes.
- Not really sure.
- The speeds that trail bikes and motor bikes can get up to can lead to accidents to people in the area as well as noise pollution. If they're in a designated area its fine but if they're mingling then it can be dangerous, especially if you get people that 'let loose' for lack of a better word.
- Noise pollution.
- They do more damage to the environment, and safety,
- They are noisy, they give off fumes. It is not exactly conducive to a peaceful environment; they should have their own place to go which is not a National Park. Should be council owned park or commission of private landholder.
- Not a good idea, damage, noises.
- More environmental concerns, more safety concerns as well.
- Potential damage, well, and speed could be a factor.



- It would be abused; they would not stick to trails.
- They are just more destructive, in a National Park they shouldn't be given an area to drive, especially in a National Park.
- Profound disturbance to others, environmental degradation.
- They are disturbing the wildlife.
- They cause a bit of erosion in places, the devastation to the wildlife they cause by hitting them.
- I just think they're noisy and can possibly hurt the wildlife.
- Because they wreck the vegetation and grass they pull it all up. We don't have much place for our wildlife do we so the noise would scare them off.

Strongly disagree

- Well, it'll be frightening to the animals and they're so noisy and animals, it just frightens them. There should be an area for trail bike riders and that would come in handy it would help us know they want to ride.
- Disturbing the peace. Damaging the environment.
- They rip up the soil and the ground and they make a lot of noise disturb the peace, the birds and the animals. There's more likelihood that you'll get hoons involved, you don't imagine hoons on horses. You might get them going places they shouldn't and cause erosion.
- Concerned about the wildlife, if wildlife was to run out in front the motorbike then the chances are that the motorbike is not able to avoid hitting the native animal, whereas the horses would be trotting along fairly slowly and the native animal has more chance in getting away.
- They tear up the countryside; there should be places for them set aside.
- Noise and damage.
- Well, the disintegration of the trails, noise, vandalism. A lot of these bikies are hopeless and they can do unlawful acts in that area.
- It's too noisy to start with. I think when you've got family and children its not enough room for both of them. The kids and those bikes.
- Soil erosion and misuse of the land.
- It would ruin it. Noise.
- Too disruptive to environment and noise pollution.
- Well, I just feel that they can dig into the ground way too much, you know, like make a bigger mess than what an animal would make sort of thing. It's just that I feel that, you know, how if it's wet or anything they can make a real mess. I imagine that younger people would be doing it and more likely to just do more damage to the environment.
- They're a dangerous machine. Well, I don't think they'd be good for the environment them hooning around like boofheads.
- They just chop any track up, they just chop it up so that no other person can use it. If it's a little bit wet, they make great deep tracks through it.
- They're noisy and they don't always care.



- Mainly because they go crazy. They're noisy; a lot of them are irresponsible. And dangerous.
- The noise and safety. The noise and nuisance, you're trying to have nice time and relaxing and its not relaxing if you have noise.
- They're noisy, horrible and terrible.
- Well, I just think they should be around anywhere. They're noisy and dangerous, shouldn't be anywhere near parks. I just don't think they're meant to be in places like that, they should have their own places where there aren't people. I just don't like them personally; they could hurt other people if they get out of control. You get people that aren't responsible and if they get riding around and don't take notice of things and they do stupid things.
- It's an incredible assault to everybody's senses than the people on the actual bikes. It is destructive, I find it intrusive, it's just not my bag. I just don't like it.
- Well, I mean trail bike riders tend to make their own trails so they cause significant damage and erosion issues. They've clashed with other user groups; people want to have nature based users in National Parks and don't want very noisy and potentially dangerous bikes in National Parks. National Parks the primary use is that people want to have them is nature based recreational activities. Trail bikes cause a clash with other user groups, they tend to be noisy, they can cause accidents if using the same trail as other people. And even if they are not, the noise that they make goes a very long way so even if you are not in visual contact you can still hear them.
- I just don't think they should be in National Parks at all. It's a National Park for all not the minority.
- Because they are pollutant and they are more damaging and noisy. There are plenty of other places you can ride bikes.
- Damage and noise.
- 'Cause I think it's incompatible with the premise or basis of the conservation that National Parks provide.
- It's unsafe and also the noise level.
- Because they would wreck the environment and National Park.
- If they did the right thing it would be alright. They usually wreck everything.
- Because they pollute the environment, they do a lot of damage to the environment. It's a dangerous activity with lots of health risks to the rider. They're noisy, they're a pollutant, they disturb the flora and the peaceful nature that animals graze in and fauna in their habitat.
- There are enough other places for them to go.
- Go there for peace and quiet. Most are young idiots, and they wreck the tracks. When I go to my area, around my area, shortcut through parks and just wreck the parklands and don't really care. Go through there 100 mile/hour. Just something you don't do. I've seen trail bikes that have been wrecked.
- Because they do damage, they are dangerous to other people.
- Well, National Parks are for animals and people and motor bikes disturb both.



- High conservation areas, experience them on foot. Riding a motorbike is not a way to experience a pristine area. Plenty areas for using motorbikes in trails at forestry parks. Noise level, erosion, potential pollution from oil.
- Just damage. Destruction to the area.
- Blokes that own bikes are idiots.
- On National Parks they are a place for quiet. Motorbikes are noisy things. I'd really need to know a lot more. If the majority wanted they would be quite happy really.
- Damaging to the National Park.
- Noise, pollution, potential for accidents involving other users. Potential damage to the environment.
- They tear the terrain to pieces, they're annoying, they're dangerous to other people, they cause erosion, just bad news really. The noise of them actually just to be in an environment like a National Park with the people and wildlife there. I think it probably encourages the wrong type of people to go there. If they're going on bikes they're probably not going there to enjoy the National Park.
- Environmental damages caused. Animals, natural habitats being injured, pollution.
- Because they trash the pathways. They're too noisy.
- They just create too much damage, I do have a trail bike myself, there are too many people who abuse that.
- Damage to the area.
- I think they should only ride on motor cross tracks, stick to speedway tracks. We are strongly involved in speedway and we only race where we are supposed to, registered tracks. Wouldn't like them to rip up the grounds, make a mess 'coz it's just not right. Stick to places in the right areas not where people have picnics and stuff.
- Because they're not going to stick to them and destroy them. You don't want to go and hear the loud noise you want to hear nature.
- They're too noisy. The noise disrupts the native animals. Get off the plant and destroy the plants. There are native plants in the parks and they get destroyed by motor bikes and that.
- I strongly disagree because they are an intrusive noise and they rip the place up. They disrupt while horse riding and other things don't.
- Because they're destructive. They erode the ground. Without making generalisations - the people that ride them aren't responsible.
- I think they are dangerous. And it's not a natural thing, they use petrol and fumes and all these other things.
- Because of noise and it depredates the pathways.
- Because the pollution.
- I think they would damage the environment and there would be high risk of injury for people using the parks. Noise.
- Because they're loud and it's a National Park. They have a lot of fuel and oil that will leak and spill and might catch on fire.



- They kill all the insects and the various things that survive there. The damage they do to the forest or grass by having foul air on motorbikes, the carbon dioxide from motor bikes that go through the air.
- Mainly noise.
- I think just to conserve the animals and wildlife, having motorbikes there would kill them off.
- Environmental impact overall number one. Also the carbon emissions but also trail bikes are much more aggressive on the trails than a horse, is from my opinion.
- Noise. If they can do electric bike than I have no problem with it. People on the bikes are usually not quite right.
- It just ruins or can ruin the ecosystem of the National Park.
- The noise. It's destructive to the environment. They don't stick to the path.
- First the noise and plus all the smoke that comes.
- Only because they destroy the tracks, high powered low weight vehicle such as a motor bike will dig trenches, they destroy tracks. Safety, they move too fast.
- Well, it's a National Park it disrupt the wildlife.
- They damage the trail. With tyres they could damage the trail.
- Because they are dangerous things they come out from anywhere.
- Possible killing of wildlife.
- 'Coz too many people speed and don't take care of people walking.
- Noisy, no respect of people who ride them. Pollution.
- The noise. It's not supposed to be there. No.
- I don't think they should be. They're noisy and have more environmental impact and disturbing wildlife.
- Noise pollution for the animals. Lot of people get upset with it and people get killed.
- Too noisy for animals and other plants. Nothing can grow with motor bike fuel discharge.
- Basically noise pollution and their tyres chew up the dirt a lot more.
- 'Coz they might be destructive to the paths themselves plus for the fact the noise factor. National Parks are for getting away from machines, natural environments should be kept natural. I think this noisy generation are addicted to noise and I don't think they should be able to make noise everywhere especially in National Parks.
- Much too dangerous. There have been many injuries and deaths associated with it. They belong on the roads.
- Noise, type of people who ride them.
- The damage they do. The trees, the shrubs get knocked down.
- They are a danger to the people on the trails; they do more damage than a horse would ever do. Pollution of the air and noise pollution.
- If they stay on the park I agree but you've got no guarantee that they'll stay on the path. It's dangerous.
- They create too much noise. Erosion.



- Because they do more damage, they compact the earth more, and they're noisy buggers.
- Too noisy. Can cause accidents to others.
- Because they don't usually stay on the trails and they dig up the roads.
- I just think that the pollution and noise is interrupting the environment and nature. There are more places rather than National Parks to have them.
- I think it's blatantly obvious there will be damage to the land and the vegetation.
- The riders are irresponsible, don't stick to paths it's noisy, noise pollution, air pollution and erosion.
- I think motorbikes do a bit more damage than horses and they sort of dig up the ground a bit more. Noise I suppose affects wildlife in the area, pollution.
- They destroy the habitat, whatever they ride on.
- Because of the damage to the undergrowth, the noise problem, the injuries that are caused by riding.
- A nuisance.
- Noise, danger to walkers and other people in the parks, damage to trails that are used when wet etc.
- The destruction of the park and danger to people on the path. Noise just doesn't fit in with the National Park.
- The erosion of the path.
- They make too much noise and annoy everyone; they should have a designated area away from the National Parks for the bikes.
- Because of all the native animals, that's the main reason, there is noise etc.
- They should set up tracks for them, the noise factor; they put up wire to trap the motor bike riders.
- They would be destructive; I don't believe they would stick to the paths, trails.
- Too noisy for the animals around and probably do damage.
- Because of the noise pollution and they can do a lot of damage, if they're managed but mainly the noise pollution.
- Erosion and fumes from the motors, just erosion from the tyre, ripping plants out.
- They'd wreck the place, noisy, affect other peoples enjoyment of the National Park, people could get injured because it would be impossible to keep them on the paths, they might sue, very noisy.
- They wreck the natural vegetation.
- Very noisy and they should have their own place to go so it's safer, could do more damage if they're not on the right track.
- The riders won't stay on the trails.
- Noise and pollution of exhaust fumes.
- They chew the ground up too much.
- Environmental hazards, it upsets all the wildlife, it makes a mess and it's dangerous, plus insurance, they're noisy, nowhere near a National Park they should be.



- They'll be shredding up the environment, killing trees and maybe wildlife around the bush and maybe people walking through there, aye.
- Because it's a National Park and it scares the wildlife away, they'll wreck all the paths and they're noisy when picnicking and bushwalking.
- Soil erosion and noise pollution.
- Well, people walking and some of those trail bikes go flat out and with all the dust would not see you. If you live near the parks it becomes noisy with the trail bikes.
- Because they're very damaging and intrusive they do enormous damage and trail bikes are noisy, they just go where they shouldn't go and damage the environment.
- Because they destroy the environment, noise.
- They destroy habitats and noise pollution.
- Compaction.
- Because they wreck the park, they wreck the tracks; they don't stay on tracks, noisy.
- So many young people killed and they make so much noise.
- In the National Parks I think it would be too dangerous 'cause you get lots of walkers and people, and if they were allowed they'd be taking advantage of that, people that ride them will be using them too much.
- I don't know, because there are animals in there.
- They're a destructive nuisance; the riders can't be trusted to act sensibly.
- Safety, noise.
- Because of the noise and the damage, danger to other people, injury when they are riding around the countryside.
- For environment and noise they should have their own place but shouldn't be in National Parks, mainly noise and pollution and oil for environment, people go for the wild life but not if there was motor bikes.
- They disturb the natural wildlife, they destroy the environment, they are annoying as well when you're trying to relax.
- Peace, serenity, erosion and preserving the national experience for people who aren't on motorised vehicles, smell, just unnecessary.
- Pedestrians and families having walks in the park, noise of the bikes, pollution.
- Pollution, noise.
- The noise factor for start, safety reasons, environmental reasons.
- Do damage to the trails, noisy, scare the wildlife.
- Damage to environment, safety.
- Noise and they wreck the trails, they are annoying, dangerous, I just don't like them.
- Noise and they probably cause more damage.
- Noise pollutions and damage to bush land and contrary to the purpose of the park, disturbing local wildlife and the enjoyment of other people.
- You do get the ones who are being very silly on them and doing damage.



- They are dangerous, I don't like them. The clowns will ride them.
- Safety, noise.
- If you have some dried weeds and stuff one spark from a motor bike will set the whole bush on fire.
- Because they tend to disrupt the environment.
- 'Cause they destroy the peace and quiet and that is what a National Park is about, they cause more damage than horses do.
- Because of the damage that they do, there are other parts of the country, why disturb wildlife?
- They are noisy; there are State Forests and other land they can use for that, erosion.
- Most go for quiet time and bikes would disrupt this.
- Because they impact on the other peoples enjoyment.
- Tears up the ground, and ruins the park. They are a little bit careless and destructive, like young kids and teenagers and doing the wrong thing, doing donuts and abusing the National Park, and not respecting it, and you find a lot more litter, that kind of thing. Just to maintain the park it won't contribute very well.
- They cause too much damage and they are too noisy.
- Due to damages caused to native wildlife and disturbances.
- Because I don't like them and I think they're dangerous.
- Erosion, rubbish they leave behind, safety.
- They tear 'em up, they're noisy, they make a mess, they destroy the trails, the parks, the whole thing.
- Safety of the animals and habitat too, habitat.
- It will disrupt the wildlife, fauna and flora.
- I think National Parks should be for quiet relaxing walk and noisy bikes would spoil that, safety.
- I guess pollution and damage to the trails, and just the fact natural parks a natural place.
- Noisy, not environmentally compatible.
- I don't think they're meant to be motorised. I think it should be a more pleasant atmosphere.
- Damage the environment, safety.
- I think they are a danger and half of the time they don't take care of what they are doing and that's when accidents happen, and there are lots of other places they can go. They should not be in National Parks.
- It just disrupts the whole and makes a mess of the park.
- National Park to enjoy peace and quiet without the noise of motorbikes.
- Because people who go to National Parks go there to get away from all the noise and traffic.
- Noise, petrol, it is not really what you go there for, the noise pollution, and the small of the petrol, it is not really nature.
- Environmental damage.



- They do too much damage and disturb the peace for the animals.
- Incompatible with the National Park, damage caused, environmental damage.
- Noisy, cause erosion and damage to the park.
- Well, I used to ride one and I came off a bike and I don't want to ride one again, I just think they are a dangerous vehicle.
- They mess it all up too.
- Destruction of parks and wildlife because trail bike riders don't take it gently.
- I don't think it's quite natural, it's noisy and disturbing, just noisy and disturbing.
- Noise, cause damage, risk to others.
- Well, they are none to kind to the environment. Well, I think they are too rough, I think they should have their own separate areas.
- They travel at greater speeds and do more environmental harm, noise pollution, frightening and disturbing wildlife.
- They will dig everything up.
- There's nothing good about them, noise, erosion, interaction with wildlife, yeah I just don't see, there needs to be a place for them but not National Parks.
- They damage the trails, noise pollution.

3.2.5 Agreement That Mountain Bike Riding Should Be Allowed On Designated Trails

Strongly agree

- Its nice and healthy out in the environment, it's a good way to bring family together good for your health keeps you out of hospital.
- Healthy and non-destructive.
- They're much slower (than motorbikes) and they don't wreck the ground as much, why shouldn't they? They're not motorised, it's the motorised bits I don't like.
- Well, as long as it's on a designated track guys need somewhere to ride their bikes and a National Park should not be a reason why they can't.
- Good exercise for them.
- Because they are not doing any harm.
- I enjoy that myself. Just for safety.
- Keeps them off the roads a bit and enjoy the countryside while they're riding.
- Harmless activity.
- Exercise for kids and people.
- As long as they abide by the rules its fine.
- Encouraging people to get outside and exercise.
- Cos I ride them. I think my son should be allowed with me, it's a good family activity.



- For recreation purposes for adults.
- Because as I said before, it is a good healthy activity and you can't argue with people going out into our beautiful parks, exercising and minimal damage. Should be more encouraging.
- Good recreational activity.
- Well, they're great fun and good exercise and they don't hurt the environment.
- It's a form of fitness and once again they're not going flat-out the whole time, once again gets 'em out in fresh air doing a bit of exercise.
- It keeps them away off the main roads. Mainly keeps them away from motor traffic. I get nervous when driving next to a cyclist, you're aware that they're very exposed.
- They have to have somewhere to ride. It's less polluting.
- It's good for the health of society that people get out and exercise and hopefully get on top of the obesity epidemic.
- 'Coz they have got to have some where to go, better than having them zig zagging in and out of traffic. Get them out in the fresh air. Stops them smoking a bit more.
- Your choice of mobility.
- Well, if they're going to be doing that they're going to be decent people trying to do these. Keeps them fit.
- Just for the fun of it, those who want to do it are not going to do any harm. We're just so over regulated if they cut out half their stupid regulations people could enjoy themselves more.
- No area for anyone to ride anymore.
- It's a great way to get out and see the country. It's non intrusive on the environment and to other people in the area.
- Same reason as horses, I can't see any reasons why not and they don't do a lot of damage. You are allowed to walk through why not ride through?
- I just don't think it's going to do any harm and it won't cause little harm to the National Parks.
- Again it's very small risk and its designated area, safety is adhered to, and there is no problem of noise.
- Because they are quiet. They won't annoy anyone anyway.
- It's adequately compatible with the concept of preservation of the park.
- They don't cause any harm.
- Minimal impact to the environment. It's a safe environment to cycle in and it takes cyclists off the main roads for recreation purposes.
- Because it's a healthy family activity.
- We do it regularly. Healthy exercise.
- They are gonna chew up the ground less than motor bikes would as long as people don't leave their rubbish behind.
- I don't have a reason to go against it. I think it's a good way for people to enjoy the view and for people to get good exercise out of it.



- People need more exercise. I know since I've been hurt I've whacked on the weight and we are the fattest nation in the world. That's because of computers, see, and people don't know how to get out and enjoy themselves anymore.
- They need a place to ride.
- Again if it on designated tracks, for example fire trails, that are already through roads the impact is relatively minor.
- Basically the same as the motor bike riders, plus as a personal trainer, I see it as a way to keep Australia fit, keep obesity down, more people exercise is a good thing.
- Again if it's designated all the same reasoning, don't see why it shouldn't be allowed. The question is whether they are sharing the same path. If they're all sharing then no, but if it's separate paths, yes.
- It's not a bad thing to do. It's quiet exercise for anyone to involve in.
- It's a free sport, money wise, for people, to get outdoors and exercise, as long as the trails are clearly marked. Sometimes you get bike riders and walkers and then you're always zig zagging and you might have an accident.
- Keep people out of trouble, fun, something different, better than riding on the roads or streets.
- Health activity and it again it makes sense to ride in a National Park.
- Because some people enjoy doing it. It gets people out in the outside instead of sitting in front of a telly.
- If on designated trails then there's minimal impact.
- They are great for getting back to nature.
- I think its healthy stuff. To keep you fit.
- Give people something to do.
- It's a safe area for them to ride it's a logical place to do these things, it's a natural thing to do these things.
- It's all okay.
- Good exercise, good for health.
- Well, it is a recreational thing and it is something people enjoy doing.
- Its good exercise. Less impact on the environment.
- Family would enjoy it. Increase usage of the park. Provide a safe, scenic place to ride.
- To keep out of trouble and enjoy life.
- I think the mountain bikes wouldn't do the damage trail bikes would do. There wouldn't be noise pollution and would not interfere very much with the environment compared to the motorbike.
- Why not? It's quicker than walking and a lot of people are into that mountain biking stuff.
- Because they don't pollute the atmosphere. Not high speeds that would injure animals. Environmental impact isn't big.



- Cause they need somewhere to ride as well and it's safer for them.
- Don't pollute, encourage more people to use parks.
- Exercise.
- Health and also environment appreciation. People getting fit and mental health is also associated with physical health, reduces obesity too.
- Just the people's hobby, bike riding, people's exercise, health reasons.
- It's healthy, it's active, makes a camping trip when people go camping. People can enjoy the scenery. Gives you accessibility to enjoy the scenery.
- If there's a designated area why not let them use it.
- Same again, it allows a greater component of people to access parks.
- It would be a really nice way to get around and it's non polluting and it's good exercise and a good way to see things.
- People should have access to National Parks
- I think it's good for people's fitness. I think it's a normal use of a National Park. I don't think that would cause damage to the environment.
- They don't do that much damage to the environment.
- It's low impact apart from the visual with the Lycra. It's healthy. It conditions society to use bikes more.
- Minimal environmental impact.
- It doesn't hurt the environment or anyone else so there's no reason why they shouldn't allow it.
- Just encourages everybody to get out and use bike riding in National Parks.
- Because it gives us somewhere else to ride.
- It's a good healthy activity and as long they consider it for other park users.
- Because of the health benefits of exercise.
- Mainly because it will be safe for them to go on that piece of land.
- If the National Parks are there and the facilities are adequate I don't have a problem with it.
- 'Cause I don't think they affect anything in the park.
- They have a low environmental impact; they're healthy for the community. It takes the bikes off the road, gives a safe place for young riders to ride.
- To get them off the road. Adventure, exercise, fitness, I think on main roads they're not safe, I feel like they would be safer along bike trail than on the road, as long as they stick to designated tracks.
- Because it's healthy, good fun.
- Well, it's a good outdoorsy thing and there's a lot of benefits from it also and they are not noisy and I think they blend in with the environment.
- Away from public roads where they can get run over. Too many 4 wheels driving around in National Parks and designated trails it's only for them and less likely to cause an accident.
- Because it is good for your health
- They're not causing any problems as long as their out of the way.
- If they stay on the path then it would fine.
- The area has been designated for that purpose.



- No harm to anything. Good exercise. Very little impact on the environment.
- It's not hurting anything if they stick to the path and not disrupting anything and not noisy.
- Because I think its good exercise. They do very little damage at all. It's fair for people to do that.
- It's a form of exercise.
- Its great exercise and should be thoroughly encouraged. Freedom of choice.
- Pretty much the same - it's good exercise people enjoy it and it makes them happy, good exercise.
- For the same reason, I think there should be an area for that kind of thing but it should be designated.
- 'Coz it would be good for exercise.
- They do limited damage anyhow - helps keep people fit
- Opportunity people to ride a bicycle properly.
- Because of same as before, done safely it's great fun and its teaching kids how to do things safely.
- They don't do any harm.
- Access and enjoy it.
- Because they should be used more often not left for the wild pigs to take over.
- Got to go somewhere to ride, at least there won't be the accidents and the other silly things they do.
- It's a good way for some people to see National Parks because they're not fit enough to walk, and they don't cause much damage because they're a push bike really.
- That's what National Parks are made for; it gets them off the main roads.
- Keeping people active and family time, don't damage too much.
- Keeps people active and the trails are a place for them to go.
- Fitness and leisure.
- Just because they can, they're not going to hurt anything, quiet on the environment.
- Very similar to the horse riding, while spending time in the natural environment you can improve your fitness and meet challenges.
- Well, if you have that sort of an area a bike will take you in so that you can see more than a walker, they cause less damage.
- Social side of it, just to get people out of their houses.
- The same again, so they can enjoy themselves and the environment.
- Not terribly destructive.
- Wouldn't have too much environmental impact on the parks, unless discarded on the trail
- They don't do a lot of harm, as long as it's in the designated track.
- Can't see any harm.
- Because the same again, the great way to appreciate the park, and it is healthy and good way to get people involved in.
- They're not doing any damage; they have a right to be in there.



- Part of Australian culture, that's why people live in far North Queensland.
- The kids have to have a place to do something.
- It doesn't hurt any of the environment, its quiet and its exercise; it's not harmful to the environment. My sisters a keen mountain biker.
- People can get around easier through the park, not motorised, not polluting the park, not going too fast.
- Because they can go riding and enjoy themselves and look at the parks.
- Safe for them because they do race them, but I haven't seen any ride around in the area.
- Not knowing people that do that, I think it's their right and more benefits for the health aspects than damage its doing. Its wallaby country, it's not doing anything otherwise.
- My husband and his uncle regularly go riding together with the group. Again it's more a social outing and exercise for them.
- Get them off the roads for their safety. Mountain bike riders tend to ride onto foot paths so that's an inconvenience.
- They've got to go somewhere.
- They're a quiet, non-invasive hobby that keeps people happy and fit.
- It's their particular sport and you can't really ride your bike safely on the roads.
- I think it's a nice leisure time and well, not too dangerous like motor bikes. Well, it would be nice for bike riders to have somewhere to go, like dogs are not allowed in so many places but that's another thing.
- I don't know.
- The same reason as the trail bikes, and also have less impact on the trails so you don't have to maintain them so much.
- It's not going to hurt the environment and again safety wise, safety wise they're better.
- All people should be able to use the parks and see the countryside; you have the right to use the park as a tax payer.
- Just that its, there are not many places, other than national places, for people to go mountain bike riding. Safety and also just health and fitness.
- Again they don't leave pollution. Because it takes physical endurance and they have better response time if there was an accident.
- The bike riders can be on the same trails as walkers and not affect the walkers.
- It is a low impact way of exploring, and its good exercise.
- Then they are off the roads, they just make it hard to drive when they take up all my road (I don't dislike them). There won't be so many on the spot, less accidents if they're not on our road.
- If you can walk you should be able to ride a bike. I don't think there's a difference between walking tracks and bike riding because they don't pollute as much and pollution can be minimised.
- It is keeping people active.
- Needs to be a place that people can go to do it.



- Everyone has a right and parks are for everybody. If the trails are designated then consideration has already been given to possible damage these bikes might cause.
- Great exercise, people have a safe place to be and not on the roads, get some fresh air.
- They just need somewhere to ride.
- Healthy, include cyclists.
- Encourage sensible use if on designated trails, preferably if not walking trails.
- Good exercise, quiet, they won't wreck anything. People should be able to ride their bikes where they want.
- Again, it's the purpose of the thing. If they can't ride on designated trails then where else can they? Good for recreation keeps kids off the street.
- Because it's a pastime that people enjoy, as long as it gets kids out it's a good idea.
- Would not cause much damage and low noise.
- People should be able to do what they want.
- As long as damage is kept to a minimum, healthy and good for people, gets them off the roads.
- If you're allowed horses and motor bikes then you're allowed mountain bikes.
- Good exercise, good that people are using the parks.
- So they have somewhere to ride.
- It's a good exercise.
- Think they'd be clean, little damage if they are on their own trails.
- Can't do any harm, it's the same as walking except you got a bike.
- Safer to the rider in the park. Very light and no impact on the environment, as long as they take into account the walkers in the park.
- It's a very healthy thing riding mountain bikes; it's good for young kids too.
- Great way to stay fit as well as enjoying nature.
- As long as they take care of the tracks and don't damage the property they should be allowed to ride.
- If they're not harming anything or anyone it should be fine.
- Cause it's a hobby and shouldn't be banned from public areas, won't do as much damage.
- Don't know.
- If managed and trails are well designed, cause no damage or disturbance to others.
- No damage to the trails.
- Just to be able to enjoy the outdoors and scenery.
- It is good exercise and people can see our National Parks.
- They won't wreck the environment riding around having a look.
- No particular reason.
- As long as track is in decent condition there would be less damage to the park.



- It's a very good outdoor activity, easy to encourage young kids to get outdoors, and it's a good family activity, and it won't do that much damage to the outdoors and won't require much up-keep. A good activity to get back to basics compared to the fancy ways we live today, getting out there experiencing the world as opposed to computers which are very new.
- They deserve a place to ride too.
- Good exercise, not too much damage to habitat.
- Mountain bikes are meant for this sort of terrain.
- It's a National Park for people, why can't they enjoy them if they're designated?
- Healthy, not damaging anything very much.
- Minimal to no damage, great way to spend a morning or afternoon, great for exercise.
- It's a healthy activity for the people and it doesn't do any damage to the environment, it's a healthy activity.
- Same as all others, recreational involvement.
- Same thing, keep them away from everyone else, keep them healthy.
- They are not as loud or as intrusive as a trail or quad bikes.
- Once again it is a sport and I can't see any reason why mountain bikes are going to hurt anything. Well, I mean destroy native fauna and things like that.
- It does no harm to the environment, and it's a lovely way to experience what you have around you. Because they're not hurting anyone, why should it be illegal if they're not hurting anyone?
- Possibly the same reason as horses, there are not many places for them to go now, my area does not seem to have many areas for horse riding, my area is Toowoomba.
- That's something I did as a teenager and I do not see why kids should not be encouraged to do that now.
- Good pastime, not too destructive to the environment.
- You can do your sightseeing and exercise at the same time, it is not boring you can see something new - an animal or two,
- Same reason as motorbike.
- Less impact no noise and I can't see one problem.
- Minimal impact on the environment.

Partly agree

- They need somewhere to go.
- If they're ridden responsibly it would be just like anyone else riding a bike, they should be allowed too.
- To enjoy the National Parks on a different format other than walking.
- For an interest for the young kids.
- Well, I'm thinking that those sort of things would be in a more controlled type. You know, like, it would be more, like how can I say it, more organised things I think wouldn't it.



- If they are riding on designated trails you would presume they have been set up and are suitable for that use.
- So they can have look around, get them outside doing stuff, as long as they are not going to destroy the environment.
- Safer, more bikes will go there than on the road.
- If you had every person going through by bicycle, some of them might want to be camping there and everything which I don't think is good. They'd be lighting fires to cook their food or whatever which would start the bush fire, so now you're in more trouble.
- Again, back to its there for all of us to share responsibly.
- Because they enjoy riding them. We don't really need them on the road, so they've got to go somewhere and if they're off the road then it's safer for all of us.
- They're less noisy, so not destructive.
- Same as horse reasons. Enjoy the environment, good exercise, on trails not to destroy scrub.
- Because it is a natural activity and it does not cause any damage.
- Good exercise, open up areas to use trail bikes, encourages kids to exercise, and provides another use for National Parks.
- They should be allowed. They have got to have somewhere to ride don't they? If they are on the highway they have to stay in the lines. But there aren't lines everywhere.
- It's not a bad past time and it doesn't damage the environments.
- Well, I guess when I think of mountain bikes, motor bikes and horses. The mountain are not motorised, they're quiet.
- Because it's a clash of different user groups and safety issues and a lot of the walking paths are not built to sustain bike usage.
- Well, they're bicycles they're not motor bikes they are less intrusive.
- It can be controlled.
- They won't do as much destruction as motorbikes do.
- Just suppose it's safer. Keeps people in a designated environment.
- Its non polluting.
- Just as speed can also be a bit of an issue downhill.
- Knowing a few people who have done it over the years, organised clubs have negotiated with state clubs to make paths. The impact has been minimal on the environment.
- Obviously you can get a bit further and see a little more and you see more sights of the day. That's what people enjoy doing.
- Less damage. It's a way to get around.
- Because it would have a lower impact on the environment. It's no pollution, they don't pollute as long as people aren't throwing rubbish as they're going and they're quiet as opposed to motorbikes that are noisy and smelly.
- Not to damage the environment.
- Because I don't think there is any evidence whether it is damaging or not. Depends on the rider. Sticking to the path is fine.



- Because it's an activity that can be managed without doing too much damage to the area.
- Pretty much the same thing as the horse riding, they can be damaging but they're not as damaging as the trail bikes, as long as people adhere to the rules.
- It's a practical use of the area with very little damage.
- I suppose the kids have to ride somewhere, haven't they?
- Because it's less hazardous.
- Well, I think it's a much quieter safer and as long as they get out of the way of people walking I don't see a problem with it.
- Well, they're quiet and as long as they stick on the path. But once they get off the park they are trouble.
- Well, it's controlled in an area and they can use the National Park for that, I have no problem it.
- Because I don't know.
- It won't be quite as bad as motor cycling. The wheels aren't as big; don't spin as fast, not as much erosion.
- I don't think they do a great deal of harm to the environment.
- The same for the horse riders. That's natural hard working people who exercising. People on motor bikes don't do anything apart from making noise.
- They got to have somewhere to do it.
- Because they wouldn't damage the environment and they are quiet. It would be fun and more for families to do.
- They're not quite as damaging; you don't have the carbon emission element. My gut feel.
- Don't see why they shouldn't.
- It's a good exercise, good sport.
- Recreational. Good for health and wellbeing and it can't cause any damage that I can see that would be a problem.
- Just for the hills and stuff. Limited areas to where they could ride.
- Personal freedom.
- Same reasons.
- They don't cause as much harm, but they should only stay on the designated trails so they don't disturb anyone else.
- I think it's a good exercise it's not having and huge impact as long as they stay on the designated areas.
- For recreational purposes, to keep people interested in sport.
- Just exercise and yeah.
- They're not too noisy and not as environmentally unsound. It does intrude on me too much.
- Open to everyone I don't have a problem with it.
- Hobby, no damage.
- Because they won't make that much damage on it.
- I don't think it will do too much harm like motorbikes.



- It's just easier when there's a track and you don't have to avoid people and cars.
- There's no pollution with those bikes, they don't get off track.
- It's a form of exercise for humans.
- Just more safety. If they're on the path and they're 2 or 3 kilometres in the bush you've got to get to them. It's more for their safety.
- I don't know, it's another area for recreation, its exercise.
- So long as they stay on path only, to not cause damage to environment.
- Get people off their butts and riding their bikes.
- There are so many other places but they're not disrupting anyone.
- They are usually coordinated, they go out in groups, they seem to stick to their designated points.
- It's a recreation that's not detrimental to environment, that'll do.
- Well, if its designated trail areas it should be alright, and they don't do as much damage as motorbikes, they're kinder to the environment.
- Because it gives any person something to do as an exercise or hobby.
- None.
- Less intrusive.
- Similar to the horses. We should encourage people to use them to exercise and see the country and for their own education as they might notice some birds and things out there.
- Lots of people get out so they can see the park and just to be in the park is soothing and enlightening.
- Don't know.
- It's good for the people to be away from the road, they get the fresh air.
- Well, they're not noisy so they're not disrupting people, however if they're going to mow down people, maybe to separate paths to walkers so they're not mowing them down like they try ever where else.
- Good exercise.
- They can't do that much damage and it is enjoyable to go on a bike ride through National Parks.
- Again for the health benefits, but strong rules for it as well and keep friction to a minimum.
- Public should have access for National Parks.
- Having a location to do that activity.
- Noise factor, they tear up the dirt more than anything.
- You can't go mountain bike riding on a road. They don't scare animals.
- For safety issues.
- I don't think mountain bike riding should be allowed. It is different to normal cycling, well, cycling is a lot less cycling and they will only go where there is a good road to go on and mountain bike riders will go anywhere.
- No noise and very little damage to the environment, that's it.
- Motorbikes are a bit of a no no in my opinion, but cycling is fine.
- Place for them to ride, like the mountain bikes.



- I think it's a good healthy sport for people and again it shouldn't do harm to the environment if it's properly controlled.
- Where else do they go? Not many mountain bike tracks in the forest.
- As long as it's on designated trails and they don't do that much damage, they don't pollute and they're not noisy.
- Because they're not motorised so it's like a different form of walking, not necessarily disruptive for people having a totally nature based experience, doesn't smell, not much noise.
- Same as for the horses.
- If there is a designated zone then they've thought out where they are putting it so they're not going to harm the environment 'cause it's already been thought out.
- You have to be able to do it somewhere.
- Once again it's for recreational purposes.
- When they stay on the trails they won't impact the environment, not noisy, have bins along the track so don't leave rubbish around.
- Just because they are designated trails.
- If they're responsible people.
- Mountain bike should be, they are not doing any harm, they are not loud.
- As long as they are on designated and don't do damage, nothing wrong with cycling healthy pastime.
- Less environmental damage, it's safer than a trail bike (cycling) and I can see the fitness benefits encouraging people with that activity.
- If they're going to allow horse riding and motorbike riding then they have to allow that too. It's got to be fair to every citizen, you can't have rules for one and not for the others, it has to be equal. The only thing I can't understand is if the forests are there for culling the trees, cutting the trees, what is there against anyone using the tracks?
- Cycling would be fun.
- It is good to get people out and about and it gives people something to do and it is good for fitness.
- It is still kind of disrupting the environment but they are small and are less invasive than trail bikes and horses.
- Enjoyment for everyone, everyone is entitled to their enjoyment.
- In some part of designated areas.
- They don't do too much harm as they stick to the tracks, just again more options.
- It gives enthusiasts somewhere to ride.
- Because it is another activity, that way families can explore the National Parks that doesn't cause too much harm. It is a healthy quiet sport that doesn't destroy someone else's visit.
- Because it's not safe to ride on the road, enjoyable to ride in the bush.
- If they are kept to a designated area and it is controlled they are not going to have a major impact on the environment, it is recreational.
- Its clean way of getting around, not really noise pollution.



- Because I don't think it would harm the trail or wildlife.
- Exercise.
- They're not as bad as trail bikes.
- They are not doing no harm; they're not disturbing any wildlife or anything like that.
- I think it is a good for exercise and people should be able to do that if they want.
- They're not a natural thing but they don't have the noise and pollution trail bikes.
- They are not harsh on the environment, a pollution factor; trail bikes have a lot smoke whereas bicycles are not.
- Rather that they are on designated rather than on the street, it causes problems on the streets in terms of traffic congestion.
- Depend on park and location and how sensitive the environment is.
- If parents want to take kids should be allowed.
- Everyone should have their outlet to enjoy, we keep closing them down and our kids won't have anything.
- Well, they're quiet they don't go fast to hurt the wildlife, they don't pollute or oil anything.
- I guess the damage should be manageable.
- They are usually quiet, well behaved and not noisy, I suppose because its pleasurable pursuits for some people.
- As long as it's managed and they do the right thing.
- If properly controlled, it is not likely to cause too much environmentally.

3.2.6 Disagreement That Mountain Bike Riding Should Be Allowed On Designated Trails

Partly disagree

- Well, there could be some park set aside for it but just because it's a National Park doesn't mean there should be a park for them. Some parks for horses and some for bikes but you can't combine them.
- I think National Parks are about preserving the environment and leaving it in its natural state and trails and tracks for mountain bike riding don't tend to fulfil that aim.
- Erosion. Philosophical, if you're walking through a National Park you would appreciated more.
- Because it's also destructive and we need to be consistent.
- Keeps them off the roads. Away from the normal traffic.
- It would interfere with birds and animals and everything. They do a lot of damage.
- Don't really have a reason.



- Causing a nuisance.
- Riders won't stay on the trails and wrecking the parks.
- Mainly erosion basis.
- They should just stay on the road, bad enough to dodge them in the cars let alone everywhere else.
- Well, the same reasons for the trail bikes, as being rough to the environment.
- They will do too much damage.

Strongly disagree

- They could hurt someone.
- Well, there are things for people to wander through and not to have people running through. It's supposed to be a place of serenity not to have people racing through doing daredevil things.
- Because most of the riders don't care about anybody else. They think they've got the power in their hands and they run you down.
- I don't think they should be amongst people and children where accidents can happen.
- Safety.
- The reason they do damage and they are dangerous to walkers.
- For safety reason. For pedestrian and walkers and animals can't hear the bikes coming.
- Should be allowed to ride on designated tracks but not in National Parks. Like watching mountain bike riding but stick to designated tracks, not where people like to go as families.
- Noise.
- Because they dart out as well.
- Possible injury to wildlife, destruction of vegetation and environment.
- Same reasons, many people love those walks and many cyclists and bike riders don't give attention to the fact that people are doing it for pleasure and want to get away from bikes and things. Just the danger to people and themselves, they do have place to go apart from National Parks.
- Lack of respect, noise.
- National Parks are for people to walk through. Not to have to find trails that others don't use.
- It's very dangerous for the people involved, and they compact the earth, frighten the wildlife.
- Damage to land and vegetation.
- There's lots of bike paths everywhere, they don't need to be in National Parks.
- They're just no good for a nature park, Brisbane yes, parks no.
- They are a threat to the environment, wildlife and the natives living in the area. Keep it nice and peaceful.
- Well, the National Parks belong to the people and not for mountain bikes, and they would be chasing all the animals.
- Disruption to the natural environment and scare the animals.



- Compaction and erosion and even humans.
- Safety.
- Because of the damage they do, noise. The age of the riders not reliable.
- Because they probably ride too fast and they are dangerous to the walkers and hikers.
- They are for walking.
- Safety, just congregation of people is probably not safe.
- It will disrupt the flora and fauna.
- I don't think that's the place for them, they are dangerous and they don't take enough care, It wrecks the places they make it rugged a nice walking place becomes terrible.
- I don't believe the National Parks should be disturbed they should be left pristine.
- Cause erosion, silent so they startle fauna and people.
- They mess up all the walk tracks.
- It does a lot of damage to the park, as opposed to horses. The riders are there to win a race and not to look after the park.

3.2.7 Agreement That 4 Wheel Driving Should Be Allowed On Designated Trails

Strongly agree

- Because its good fun get together learn something new. Like when you get stuck.
- A lot of people with 4 wheel drives are going into parks to camp and enjoy, so obviously they've got to get in there somehow.
- In the National Park, that is the only thing that can be driven on them.
- Because they do not do any harm.
- We have a 4 wheel drive and we enjoy going along the tracks as well.
- As long as it is a designated trail, no one goes off the track and buggers it up.
- Because some people enjoy that and they shouldn't be stopped from doing what they enjoy.
- Somewhere to go.
- The adults can show the children through, they learn more in that type of situation than the classroom.
- Well, I think that's what 4 wheel drives are really for. To take out on designated areas. Don't need to drive around the city. My brother owns a 4 wheel drive. Been in into National Parks, wonderful to drive in them. I think it's less risk in an area, designated than it would be to take an ordinary all-wheel drive in there.
- My son is a publisher of 4 wheel drive magazine. Its fun, I love 4 wheel driving.



- Preference of mobility, how you get around. If 4 wheel drive can do it there's no reason you shouldn't be allowed to do it, so long as the track's big enough of course.
- There are not many 4 wheel parks left.
- Because I do it myself. I think it's much more restrained than bikes. It's not as noisy. It tends to be a family oriented thing.
- Well, the designated trails. There is no problem if they stick to the roads that are already in the National Parks.
- I think that 4 wheel driving is the key aspect that people undertake in holidays. Again the trails are designated, so they should go for it. Queenslanders have a certain enjoyment in Queensland and they should be able to continue that.
- I use my 4 wheel drive on National Parks. Camping is fun.
- Its out in the open. Its designated and someone should know you are there rather than going somewhere someone doesn't know you are there and you get stuck.
- Maybe if you bring a family along, its nice to have little children in the car and running around. For some families it might be more convenient for them to go in a car.
- Because a lot of people don't know how to drive them in cities and they think they own the road. Other cars can't see around them. And they're a pain in the ass.
- Ah cuz I own a 4 wheel drive. Nice to go out, have a picnic, have a nice day out. Some people try to shortcut. Everyone's different, some people do bad stuff. You always take your rubbish with you and some people just don't. Some people just don't care but most people are pretty good and not silly.
- Cause I cant deny them, they have a right to a purposeful place to drive their purposely built vehicles, instead of just being on the roads looking fancy.
- These would have to be separate designated paths the last thing I want is to take my daughter through the National Park and be run over by a 4 wheel drive.
- I couldn't give a dam honestly.
- For recreational purposes and minimal impact on designated tracks.
- Because I mean you only go on the beaches to use that. The 4 wheel drive is designed to go off road and we have to have some kind of place to go and have a bit of fun.
- Give people things to do.
- I do it myself.
- Recreational, get people out of the house and doing something, something to do with mates.
- People are having adventures.
- Because so many people have them these days, so many people have them these days so they need somewhere to ride them. Its for the life experience.
- Because once they get off their assigned areas they can do damage to wildlife, flora and fauna of the area.



- If you have children you can take them in the car they can see the animals without getting tired.
- If they have a designated area why can't they use it?
- Access. Similar to motor bikes, lot of controls, rules to manage that access.
- People should have access to National Parks. Designated trails is a trail set up so its not going to damage anything. That's the main thing.
- Because that piece of land will only be for them.
- As long as they're not in the way, if pedestrians are in the way and they use the same path that will be a problem and that they shouldn't be there.
- If they stick to the path that would fine.
- I have a 4 wheel drive; it brings people into nature and to appreciate nature more.
- As long as they're controlled its fine.
- Well, I think for 4 wheel drives those are the only places they can go so it should be able to be done.
- Because I do it all the time. It does little damage because you can't go fast on the tracks. Tracks are well patrolled by police. Its fine for people to explore these areas responsibly.
- Because we use them in our household, a form of recreation.
- Its a great family activity if people want to go into the parks for a picnic in a 4 wheel drive, that sort thing. Freedom of choice.
- They have to be used somewhere.
- Keeps them from going off places they shouldn't be.
- Regulated access and enjoy it.
- That's what National Parks are made for; it gets them off the main roads.
- If they set it up as a trail ride, if you mix the two motor bikes and 4 wheel drives you're going to have a problem.
- So they can enjoy themselves and appreciate their surroundings.
- To get to other areas of the National Park that requires a 4 wheel drive to get to for recreational activities.
- Most people in National Parks who take their permit and do the right thing and they don't go wrecking the park. They pick up quick if you're doing the wrong thing.
- Just that they are easy to access to pass and good way to see the National Park.
- It's an incredibly good social activity and improves driving skills as many people lack it and a good thing for people to get in to.
- For outdoor Australian lifestyle.
- It's just freedom of movement and giving people choices to enjoy the park, some people can't enjoy it without a 4 wheel drive.
- I think they got their place there, they race in State Forest.
- Just that the National Parks are being used not locked up.



- We're very outdoorsy people. We go camping and 4 wheel driving with a club. Outings and camping, we're with the 4 wheel drive club as well so it's done safely, we get to see the countryside.
- As long as they have a trail they won't be doing it illegally.
- Everyone is entitled to follow their sport and they're entitled and if they have a designated area for them in the bush.
- Same as the trail bike reason.
- Because in driving 4 wheel drives for nearly 50 years I have seen no permanent damage by these vehicles. The ocean can do more in an afternoon than a 4 wheel drive.
- Ease of access, safe way to transport children in the National Parks.
- 4 wheel drive is the only way to drive around if you want to get to a park. Same as before, if they don't have property or not close to a beach they don't have really anywhere to go.
- Somewhere for people to go, very few places to go, designated tracks make sure people only go in those places and not anywhere else.
- Parks are for everybody, designated access tracks imply consideration for possible damage that they might cause.
- If they are designated trails.
- To enable people who perhaps can't otherwise enjoy the area to get to it via 4 wheel drive.
- They keep fire tracks open.
- People should be able to do whatever they want.
- Walking sucks. I'd rather go in the car and it's quicker to get to fishing spots.
- Because it is good to be able to reach parts of Queensland that you wouldn't see otherwise.
- So they will have to operate and have somewhere to drive their 4 wheel drives.
- They are big and dangerous, and they are fun. We used to own one. Everyone should have a license to drive one. They are dangerous vehicles, everyone should respect them. I own one.
- You sometimes need to get into the best parts of the forest and you need 4 wheel drives to get access to them. So everyone can enjoy the parks.
- Same as for motorbikes, it gives them a designated place to drive.
- Generally people that have 4 wheel drives are very responsible people.
- It encourages people to go out and enjoy the parks and enjoy some serious time there.
- As long as it is well managed it is fine.
- For the recreation part and as well as they keep to the trails there will be minimal damage.
- Because in some of those parks it is the best way to get around, long distance to travel.
- To access camping spots and recreation facilities, as long as it is designated.



- It is good for camping, good family activity and probably needs to have rules to maintain the park, but I think it is pretty much similar to the rest, horses and bikes; it's what families enjoy doing.
- They deserve a place to ride too.
- It is a great way to see places that the average person can't get to, that are pretty unique and would be otherwise be hard to get to.
- Cause we are a 4 wheel driver.
- I think sometimes people have them and they are very popular in Australia, I think they are more responsible than trail bikes.
- When you go 4 wheel driving you usually go camping as well which is a great family activity and very Australian.
- Keep them away from the general public.
- You take Fraser Island, it is all National Park, I have been going to Fraser Island for forty years, I mean thirty years ago Fraser Island was a complete rubbish tip, since the Rangers took it over they have pulled it up, they have roads put in, all the tracks there they boarded up and made more accessible. Now there is more access and people with 4 wheel drives have to have somewhere to go.
- So that everyone has access into public land, people can't walk in.
- Same again, people have got 'em let 'em use it, they can't hurt anything.
- The same thing - it's because 4 wheel drives are registered vehicles and all bikes are unregistered, unlicensed, but cars are insured and are driving on designated roads. No problem whatsoever, don't go out those guidelines, to get value the whole family can enjoy that way.
- Other than I have a 4 wheel drive and am a 4 wheel driver.

Partly agree

- So that they can experience the National Park so they can actually go further.
- Gotta have somewhere to go.
- When I was in the 4 wheel drive club they used to keep an eye on what was going on in the environment so they were looking after that sort of stuff as well.
- If they are designated trails and don't interfere with any other persons using the area. And not damaging the area.
- So they can have a look around and see what's out there, as long as they stay on the trails and not rip the ground up, when the ground is dry.
- Some areas of the country people need to have a look at and only 4 wheel drives are possible.
- They shouldn't be an intrusion, noise pollution.
- Well, if they're going out there for a reason, to see the countryside or something well, that's okay, but if they're going out there to do some damage, then I say no. Well, they could cause damage to the road and that.
- Motorbikes on those strips if it happens. Enjoy the different environment. As long as you don't trash the place.



- Because people should be able to enjoy what they're doing and the partly side is just to make sure they do it carefully and with consideration for others.
- No particular reason. If you're fair to one you're fair to the other.
- Because they have one big annual race, and that's all I think they should be allowed to have, 1 race a year. Because people loved to get out and do something different from the way they live. Fresh air.
- Limited parts only. Not all National Parks in Queensland.
- 'Coz the probably the only way you can get to a lot of places in that National Park. They are taking too much away from the people when it comes to National Parks.
- I think they have to be able to get around if you're camping. I would restrict it, is what I would do, because there is camping in National Parks and you'd have to use 4 wheel drives top get around. If you're going there for camping or other pursuits you'd have to get there. Only in designated areas.
- Access to all areas.
- Not unrestricted access, designate trails are okay.
- You should be able to access the park.
- So families can see the National Parks from a different perspective.
- If there were some designated areas that would create low impact to the environment.
- Just they should be on designated paths because of speed and noise.
- Only if it is designated 4 wheel drive only. Cause I wouldn't mind doing it, and knowing the State Forests that I've been into, as long as it's done in a right way and the environment isn't damaged then okay.
- Just for access reason.
- It should be allowed because there are places where you can get to by 4 wheel drive.
- For damage to the environment. Damage to animals.
- To enable disabled people to go to National Parks.
- 'Coz if you don't designate the area they are going to drive in an area where they shouldn't really go. Why not?
- National Parks - there's too many hoons, just to go on camping or something like that.
- Well, like they cause the ground to erode. Just destruction of National Park property is a possibility. They can knock over trees. Do it all the time. Vegetation damage.
- Well, its good for people to get out and some of them go camping.
- Well, I think its good for the wellbeing of the individual to get away from the city.
- Because if they don't allow them, they'll do it anyway.
- Need to go somewhere, designated would be safe areas.
- No particular reason.
- Well, I agree there should be only on some hard to reach camping grounds.
- Just to get from a to b. But I think joy riding, terrain riding is not for a National Park. They can go somewhere else and make a dollar.



- So people can get places.
- A lot of people use their vehicle to get to these places so they can enjoy it.
- Well, people like to go camping sometimes and it's the only way they can get into there and some people like driving up in their 4 wheel drives on tricky tracks and that.
- Agree its a way to get people out into nature. It can be effecting the environment like the motorbikes.
- Mainly because a lot of the parks have camping facilities, as long as they have camping or other recreational areas you need to gain access to those. The social value of families of communities getting together. Educational benefits for children and families to get back to nature.
- If its adequate its not hurting anybody. Its big enough I don't have a problem with it.
- Because they're needed to get through, transport over large distances, long distance travel. Just for sightseeing.
- They can do a lot more damaged to forests and National Parks and they could use that sort of thing to teach people how to drive them properly. Adventure, family bbq and picnics, outings.
- Just so that they can actually use their 4 wheel drive.
- Just for personal freedom again.
- Well, to me National Parks mean camping and you probably use your 4 wheel drive camping and getting over rough spots and that. I suppose they are made for that sort of thing.
- Designated areas like that - I see nothing wrong with them using designated trails. It would be safer.
- They have to take care with speed and people can hear them coming and the drivers seem to be more responsible. I don't think they drive crazy and over fast.
- Cause I own one.
- Again because it is designated for them.
- Same reasons.
- As long as they're on designated trails they should be okay.
- Well, sometimes they're the only way to access areas.
- Well, so it gives people with an interest in 4 wheel drives, so that they can use the areas responsibly.
- That's its a recreational thing.
- For minimal access. Sometimes you can't get to them without 4 wheel drives. Since I'm not as fit as used to be I could see that the disabled without 4 wheels might not be able to enjoy National Parks.
- Maybe you need to go through it.
- Because I've got one myself.
- I think they would probably cause the most damage so I'd be more tempted to disagree but I think it's a great activity and as long as there are designated control areas for it I think that's good. I think it brings a lot of tourists across here and it's a good fun holiday activity.



- Just so long as they stay on trails and cause no damage to environment.
- They should be allowed to do it somewhere – I'm concerned about the damage.
- It gives an opportunity for scenery experience, that's it.
- It depends.
- It enables people to access the National Parks themselves and therefore make people realise the value. People are doing research can go in to do that.
- As long they're not going the same place that the bikes are going cause that's when accidents will happen. At least they're not making a nuisance and polluting the park.
- No.
- The 4 wheel drivers are normally responsible people, when going in national and stick to the rules; clean up after themselves and have the correct tyre pressure.
- If it has a specific area and regulated then yes, but if it's for hooligans then no. It should have some control
- Somewhere for them to go, as long as it doesn't impact on the environment.
- For the social aspect of it, to give people things to do.
- Designated trails allowing them to access areas that they otherwise couldn't, not just ripping up and down, not just joyriding.
- Not quite sure.
- Public should have access to Queensland National Parks.
- To get to places, to look and see.
- People can get around and see the sights a bit better, probably the only reason I can see.
- Only if it's a formed road.
- It comes down to the general person themselves, because some people are responsible and some people are not, they should be responsible for their own rubbish.
- Well, some families like to go on a day trip and get the benefit of the National Park and they can take their families all together.
- Access to remote spot places.
- For fun.
- Because that's what 4 wheel drives are built for.
- Easier to access to certain areas within the parks.
- If its controlled and its only in certain areas and it's not damaging.
- It is a hobby, it is allowing people to pursue their hobby. If it is legal it shouldn't be an issue for anyone, it is a designated trail.
- For recreational driving.
- Access.
- Once again for recreational purposes, camping is allowed and the only way you can get there is by 4 wheel drive. Not many other places 4 wheel drive enthusiast can drive.



- If they are on a road going to a camping spot.
- I guess they are designated trails.
- As long as they're designated and safety is considered.
- Same as previous answers, got to be fair to each and everyone. Can't have rules for one lot and not for the other, and if its designated then it should be safer.
- They have the most impact in the park, but should be eliminated from using the park.
- To get to places of interest.
- I think it's more controlled compared to mountain bikes and also its pretty fun, I don't think, it's enjoyable there are a lot of people that would appreciate that.
- Same as I said before with the motor bikes.
- If they are on their own track, they shouldn't be damaging the National Park.
- Again, 4 wheel drive enthusiasts somewhere to enjoy their 4 wheel drives.
- Don't know.
- Just for people's enjoyment.
- For accessing areas for camping as long as it is monitored and kept to designated areas it is not going to impact the environment greatly.
- Not much use for 4 wheel drives, rubbish, erosion.
- Pollution. People like it so it should be allowed, may damage the tracks and parks.
- If they do not wreck the place and do not cause devastation to the wildlife to the nature, then they should be allowed.
- Depends, need to use 4 wheel drives to access seaside parks.
- Same as everything else, recreation on weekends.
- For holiday makers and tourists.
- Same thing, it's good for people to be outdoors, but disagree in that idiots will trash the tracks and cause muddy mess and trash the course, just because of the idiots.

3.2.8 Disagreement That 4 Wheel Driving Should Be Allowed On Designated Trails

Partly disagree

- Cos they are dangerous.
- Not just for sporting reasons. For me 4 wheel drives should be driven on the road but there is a tendency for 4 wheel drives to drive the same on the road as they do in the National Park.
- Soil erosion and I guess it has to be used by Rangers to get around. Misuse for the land again.
- Well, they again can do more damage; they can dig up areas and things like that.



- Because it is not a peaceful activity and may cause damage.
- The noise factor.
- Just feel that they are such a big vehicle they do a bigger damage than good. Eat the road up.
- They don't think and do go off track, they see an obstacle and they'll try to climb it.
- Because they pollute and its a natural environment, they don't need to be.
- I think there are other places to go. There's plenty of designated 4 wheel drive tracks around and I also think they would ruin the environment in the National Parks.
- I'm just not sure of, like, how why you would need a 4 wheel drive in a National Park.
- Can't thing of one to tell you the truth.
- There seems to be a significant number of accidents with these vehicles being in National Parks. It seems that the people who drive them haven't gone through a course to drive a 4 wheel drive. This is potentially dangerous and this explains the accidents. OH&S states that you should take a course in 4 wheel driving in order to know what you're doing.
- Potential to cause damage to the environment and wildlife.
- Disruption.
- Its kinda like the trail bike, people with 4 wheel drives are usually a lot more accommodating than people with trail bikes but at the same time if somebody doesn't do the right thing and decides to chuck wheelies, they create a lot of damage.
- For the safety of other people in the park.
- Because they are dangerous.
- They will increase erosion.
- Issues with potential damage to the environmental and carbon emissions from 4 wheel drives
- Don't think its necessary and its really bad for the environment.
- Concerned about damage and pollution.
- A whole heap of people driving their 4 wheel drives everywhere would really ruin it.
- Usually driven by hooligans. National Park - shouldn't be there.
- Oh, just damage I guess.
- Too noisy.
- My reason was gonna be because it might destroy the environment, but if it's designated tracks it should be fine.
- Something about the environment. The pollution it causes.
- Because sometimes you have to go through a National Park to get to a fishing spot or a camping spot
- From what I have read a lot of them get into trouble, get lost or get bogged and they have to be rescued and it is a very costly event.
- They destroy a lot of trees and whatever they drive over.



- Breaking up trails, danger to non vehicle traffic, disturbs the wildlife as they go - much more than non-motorised equipment, can be a danger to the animals in there as they go along, killing animals that should be there to enjoy.
- They can damage the trees and the plants, might run over wildlife.
- Protection and conservation of the environment.
- Again, they destroy and damage the environment, along with noise.
- Because of the fumes.
- There's a large number of them that would be destructive.
- Not sure.
- They're a lot bigger than the others and making the paths would destroy more of the environment.
- Noise.
- Because they do a lot of damage.
- A 4 wheel drive might come out of control and run over campers or walkers.
- Most of them are idiots and they don't really abide by the rules and they trash all tracks.
- Probably they're too heavy a vehicle.
- Don't know.
- I think parks should be for nature and people to walk around instead of cars and motorbikes.
- People with 4 wheel drive don't know how to use them properly, destructive to the environment.
- They are not good for the environment, it depends on the behaviour of the people driving them.

Strongly disagree

- Destruction that can be caused.
- They just tear it all up and make a mess.
- As I said before, they just stuff up everything makes things dangerous for people who are walking through the area taking their children. Well, noise and pollution.
- Noisy. They do too much damage.
- I just don't think that they're National Park material if they wanted to get out into the bush they should go.
- It would ruin it.
- Disruption to environment, they don't really have the noise pollution problem that bikes do.
- I think it's likely to have a detrimental effect and not achieve the aims of having the park designated a National Park.
- 4 wheel drives - they damage and carry blokes that get drunk so no.
- I just don't think they should be tearing around the countryside. 4 wheel drives are fine for where they're supposed to be in the outback with the farmers but not going through our National Parks.



- They will do damage to the environment, they'll damage and they're a danger to other users.
- Because they knock the trees about.
- They need areas of their own just for them.
- They make a mess of everything so they wreck, and they wouldn't stick to the paths.
- It would damage the environment. It's noisy. You should be exercising.
- They definitely damage the environment. They're noisy and don't like them.
- I think they're dangerous if they're not done the right way. I don't think they should be in places like that; they cause a lot of accidents.
- Too disruptive, causes too much disturbance, too heavy an impact. Incompatible with other uses.
- They are dangerous and they do damage.
- The impact is just through great. Its noise, potential unlicensed camping.
- Erosion. Pollution and lack of contact with nature.
- They are contributing to pollution, and there are not enough cars on the road, we should be leaving our natural reserves for things that don't leave a foot print. Someone going through the bush in a 4 wheel drive is going to do a lot more damage than someone on foot or bike or horse.
- Damage to the environment. Safety for all the awesome bike riders.
- If the majority want it I'll be quite happy with it. They are noisy.
- Extremely damaging. There are other places to do off-road driving.
- Noise, pollution, potential to hurt other people and the environment.
- Again with pollution and damage they cause to the environment.
- Ruin the country.
- I used to drive them and I have seen the damage that the drivers do. Just National Parks aren't for people with 4 wheel drives. They do too much damage.
- Damage to the park.
- They shouldn't really go on beautiful botanical parks 'coz they could damage the fauna, only allowed to go tracks that are set out for them.
- You don't want to be hearing them when out in nature. They destroy the environment.
- Noisy and tear the place up.
- Because of the yobboes that drive them and they're destructive.
- I've done it before and I think again the pollution is a problem with it and the degradation of things like plants and the environment.
- Because they dig up country side. People should get out and walk in the National Park.
- It would cause damage to the environment. It would cause noise. It would stop other people from using the parks. I think that again there is a higher risk of injury.



- People can find other 4 wheel drive places to go to. They're a risk of crashing and fire as well. They are unsafe. They disturb the wildlife. They damage the surrounding environment over the long term. People with 4 wheel drives tend to drink and they take more risks.
- Cause the same thing the damage they do to the land and everything. Again when the stuff comes out the exhaust it's not good for the trees and animals around.
- It can destroy the local environment.
- Because they are going to make a lot of damage, plus the smoke and noise.
- There are plenty of places for them to drive.
- Don't know
- Destroying the tracks and disturbing people's experience.
- Destruction of the environment and noise pollution. Much more dangerous.
- Damage to the environment.
- Safety and the damage to the environment.
- Well, it's just lots of damage to the park.
- They create too much noise, destruction of the land, whatever, and destruction.
- Because they destroy the national environment, they're idiot, they shouldn't be allowed to drive on the main road, and why do they spend a fortune buying those things that are made for off wheel drive?
- I just believe that people a lot of people in 4 wheel drives don't know how to handle them, it's dangerous
- Damage to the land and vegetation.
- Designated trails, they're okay, they're alright.
- I don't think there's a place for them in National Parks at all, I think they're a dangerous vehicle and they can be turned over very easily.
- Destruction of the environment, noise, danger to other users, that's enough.
- Erosion of tracks.
- They would damage the area and people camp in the area and then people would leave their rubbish behind and who would clean up their rubbish. We can't expect the Rangers to clean up.
- Just because they of their effect on the environment.
- They are dangerous, and polluting. To have a decent challenge the tracks need to be very challenging, dangerous to driver passenger and spectators, disturbing the wild life and flora.
- You can't make sure they're going to stay on the designated roads.
- They're destructive and bad for the environment, I don't believe people who drive them care about the environment.
- I dislike 4 wheel drives full stop.
- Same, erosion, same as the motor bikes, keep all that nasty stuff out.
- People could get hurt, vehicle could have an accident. Can't see the need for it, unless it was to a designated parking area.
- Noise and the damage they can do.



- Chance of too much damage.
- If they break down they may cause an oil spill, environmental reasons that impact on the park. 4 wheel drives will go off the tracks.
- They chew the ground up too much.
- Noise, high risk of pollution, idiocy with the driving, the noise, it scares away the wildlife, they're there to protect the fauna and flora.
- National Parks should just be for the vegetation and people doing recreational activities, should be treated like a sanctuary.
- They are a threat to the environment, wildlife and native plants and trees that are in the park. Leave nature as it is and keep it peaceful there.
- They'll ruin the tracks, they'll scare the wildlife.
- No cars and they should not even be on the beach. Well, they are built for roads.
- Again it's too damaging even with the designated trail and the noise is intrusive for both the animals and the people that go there for peace and quiet. Its environmentally damaging.
- They chop it up.
- Rip up the environment.
- Compaction and erosion.
- I don't see the need, there are plenty of other areas, they don't need to be in National Parks.
- They damage the forest, they make a mess, don't clean up when they finish, destroy the forest.
- 4 wheel drives ruin what we have, let one 4 wheel drive in you have to let them all in. Not all 4 wheel drive users are considerate of the environment and just want to have fun in the mud.
- I think they damage the environment more than bicycles and horses. A National Park by definition should be protected.
- Noise, serenity, erosion, smell, disruptive to people having a nature-based experience, disruptive.
- People walking and families with children and not safe to have the 4 wheel drives around, pollution, go too fast and makes the area unsafe.
- Too much damage to the environment.
- They get very wide, do not stay on road, dangerous.
- Noisy, they wreck the tracks, dangerous.
- Damage and noise.
- Similar to motorbikes noise and damage to the wildlife and people might not stick to the designated trails.
- Strongly disagree because a trail, environmental mainly.
- Because a lot of people are irresponsible as to what they do.
- They idea of a National Park is that it has a little human presence as possible, they are noisy too.
- They're noisy and they make too much mess.
- They do too much damage, they destroy the native fauna.

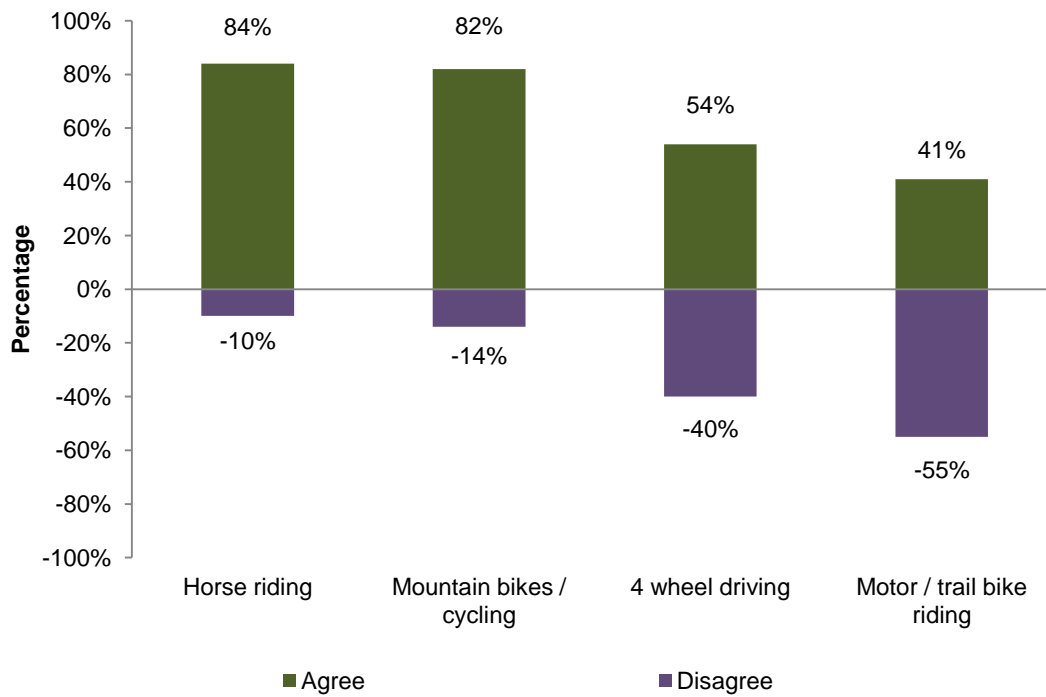


- Way too destructive.
- It causes too much damage to nature and there are plenty of other places to go. Parks are for enjoying nature and when you bring vehicles and motorbikes in then it is not about enjoying nature.
- 4 wheel drives are bigger and cause more destruction of National Parks.
- The wheels rip up the road, the fumes from the vehicles.
- Damages and disturbances caused to native plants species and wildlife, noise pollution.
- Because it would hurt the trail and the flora and fauna.
- They destroy the environment.
- Destruction of habitat and noisy.
- Would rip up the environment, they have others they could use already.
- They could do more damage to the environment than the others.
- I cannot see why they should be because they are not meant to go out into their environment.
- It will disrupt flora and fauna.
- I think National Parks should be for people not for vehicles, if you open it to vehicles there would be too many vehicles.
- Damage the environment.
- I don't believe they should be in the National Parks, it upsets the environment.
- Because people want to go to National Parks to get away from that, because of the noise, pollution etc, and if you really want my opinion I think they should get rid of cars and motor vehicles completely.
- Potential environmental damage.
- They do too much damage especially wet weather and that is why they go there just to chop them to pieces, and the noise disturbs the animal life.
- Environmental damage.
- Soil erosion, cause problem in the designated paths.
- I just think they destroy a lot of nature.
- Same, they destroy the trails.
- Damage to the park.
- They are a nuisance, they are noisy and smelly.
- Well, first of all the noise, the destruction and safety of the occupants.
- They will dig things up.



3.2.9 Agree or disagree that each activity should be allowed on designated trails in Queensland National Parks

Agree or disagree that the activities below should be allowed on designated trails in Queensland National Parks
(Base n=1,003)





4. NOTES ON THE DATA

Rounding of Percentages

Due to rounding, in some cases, figures shown in the Summary Tables and in the Computer Tables will not add exactly to totals shown.

Confidence Limit

In the tables of results shown the confidence levels for the visitation estimates are based on the 95 percent limit.

4.1 Test for Statistical Significance

Where reference is made to statistically significant differences between the results, the following formula has been used:

$$s \geq 1.96 \times \sqrt{\sum \left[\frac{(p_1 \times (100 - p_1))}{n_1} + \frac{(p_2 \times (100 - p_2))}{n_2} \right]}$$

where s = a statistically significant change at the 95% confidence level

p_1 = the first percentage result

p_2 = the second percentage result

n_1 = the sample size on which the first percentage result (P1) is based

n_2 = the sample size on which the second percentage result (P2) is based

Any changes that are described as being statistically significant are significant at the 95% confidence level.



5. QUESTIONNAIRES

5.1 Horse Trail Network – Short

PROG NOTE: ASK IF VISITED ANY PARKS IE CODE 1,5 OR 6 IN R3. OTHERS GO TO R12

R11 Have you ever encountered people doing each of the following activities on the **internal** roads or trails within a national park **excluding** the main access roads and car parks, while visiting **any** national park in Queensland? **READ OUT**

PROG NOTE:

- **MULTI RESPONSE**

- **IF 1-4 SELECTED THEN CANNOT SELECT 5**

1	Riding horses
2	Riding trail bikes or motor bikes
3	Riding mountain bikes or cycling
4	Driving 4 wheel drives
5	DO NOT READ None \ don't know \ not visited national park

PROG NOTE: ASK ALL RESPONDENTS IN QLD

R12 Do you agree or disagree that horse-riding should be allowed on designated trails within Queensland National Parks? **UNFOLD**

IF AGREE Is that strongly agree or partly agree?

IF DISAGREE Is that strongly disagree or partly disagree?

PROG NOTE:

- **SINGLE RESPONSE**

1	Strongly agree
2	Partly agree
3	Partly disagree
4	Strongly disagree
5	Neither \ don't know



PROG NOTE: THERE IS NO R13

R14 Do you agree or disagree that trail bikes or motor bikes should be allowed on designated trails in Queensland National Parks? **UNFOLD**

IF AGREE Is that strongly agree or partly agree?
IF DISAGREE Is that strongly disagree or partly disagree?

PROG NOTE:
- SINGLE RESPONSE

1	Strongly agree
2	Partly agree
3	Partly disagree
4	Strongly disagree
5	Neither \ don't know

PROG NOTE: THERE IS NO R15

R16 Do you agree or disagree that mountain bike riding or cycling should be allowed on designated trails in Queensland National Parks? **UNFOLD**

IF AGREE Is that strongly agree or partly agree?
IF DISAGREE Is that strongly disagree or partly disagree?

PROG NOTE:
- SINGLE RESPONSE

1	Strongly agree
2	Partly agree
3	Partly disagree
4	Strongly disagree
5	Neither \ don't know

PROG NOTE: THERE IS NO R17

R18 Do you agree or disagree that 4 wheel drives should be allowed on designated trails in Queensland National Parks? **UNFOLD**

IF AGREE Is that strongly agree or partly agree?
IF DISAGREE Is that strongly disagree or partly disagree?

PROG NOTE:
- SINGLE RESPONSE

1	Strongly agree
2	Partly agree
3	Partly disagree
4	Strongly disagree
5	Neither \ don't know



5.2 Horse Trail Network – long

PROG NOTE: ASK ALL VISITED ANY PARKS IE CODE 1,5 OR 6 IN R3. OTHERS GO TO R12

R11 Have you ever encountered people doing each of the following activities on the **internal** roads or trails within a national park **excluding** the main access roads and car parks, while visiting **any** national park in Queensland? **READ OUT**

PROG NOTE:

- **MULTI RESPONSE**

- **IF 1-4 SELECTED THEN CANNOT SELECT 5**

1	Riding horses
2	Riding trail bikes or motor bikes
3	Riding mountain bikes or cycling
4	Driving 4 wheel drives
5	DO NOT READ None \ don't know \ not visited national park

PROG NOTE: ASK ALL RESPONDENTS IN QLD

R12 Do you agree or disagree that horse-riding should be allowed on designated trails within Queensland National Parks? **UNFOLD**

IF AGREE

Is that strongly agree or partly agree?

IF DISAGREE

Is that strongly disagree or partly disagree?

PROG NOTE:

- **SINGLE RESPONSE**

1	Strongly agree
2	Partly agree
3	Partly disagree
4	Strongly disagree
5	Neither \ don't know

PROG NOTE: ASK IF AGREE OR DISAGREE IE CODE 1-4 IN R12. CODE 5 GO TO R14

R13 For what particular reasons do you (**PROG NOTE: INSERT RATING FROM R12**) that horse-riding should be allowed on designated trails within Queensland National Parks? What other reasons? **PROBE FULLY**

PROG NOTE:

- **OPEN TEXT FIELD**

PROG NOTE: ASK ALL RESPONDENTS IN QLD



R14 Do you agree or disagree that trail bikes or motor bikes should be allowed on designated trails in Queensland National Parks? **UNFOLD**

IF AGREE Is that strongly agree or partly agree?
IF DISAGREE Is that strongly disagree or partly disagree?

PROG NOTE:
- SINGLE RESPONSE

1	Strongly agree
2	Partly agree
3	Partly disagree
4	Strongly disagree
5	Neither \ don't know

PROG NOTE: ASK IF AGREE OR DISAGREE IE CODE 1-4 IN R14. CODE 5 GO TO R16

R15 For what particular reasons do you (**PROG NOTE: INSERT RATING FROM R14**) that trail bikes or motor bikes should be allowed on designated trails in Queensland National Parks? What other reasons? **PROBE FULLY**

PROG NOTE:
- OPEN TEXT FIELD

PROG NOTE: ASK ALL RESPONDENTS IN QLD

R16 Do you agree or disagree that mountain bike riding or cycling should be allowed on designated trails in Queensland National Parks? **UNFOLD**

IF AGREE Is that strongly agree or partly agree?
IF DISAGREE Is that strongly disagree or partly disagree?

PROG NOTE:
- SINGLE RESPONSE

1	Strongly agree
2	Partly agree
3	Partly disagree
4	Strongly disagree
5	Neither \ don't know



PROG NOTE: ASK IF AGREE OR DISAGREE IE CODE 1-4 IN R16. CODE 5 GO TO R18

R17 For what particular reasons do you (**PROG NOTE: INSERT RATING FROM R16**) that mountain bike riding or cycling should be allowed on designated trails in Queensland National Parks? What other reasons? **PROBE FULLY**

PROG NOTE:
- OPEN TEXT FIELD

PROG NOTE: ASK ALL RESPONDENTS IN QLD

R18 Do you agree or disagree that 4 wheel drives should be allowed on designated trails in Queensland National Parks? **UNFOLD**

IF AGREE Is that strongly agree or partly agree?
IF DISAGREE Is that strongly disagree or partly disagree?

PROG NOTE:
- SINGLE RESPONSE

1	Strongly agree
2	Partly agree
3	Partly disagree
4	Strongly disagree
5	Neither \ don't know

PROG NOTE: ASK IF AGREE OR DISAGREE IE CODE 1-4 IN R18. CODE 5 GO TO R27

R19 For what particular reasons do you (**PROG NOTE: INSERT RATING FROM R18**) that 4 wheel drives should be allowed on designated trails in Queensland National Parks? What other reasons? **PROBE FULLY**

PROG NOTE:
- OPEN TEXT FIELD



5.3 Demographics

- 1 To make sure we're speaking to a cross-section of people, please tell me if you are aged...? **READ OUT 01-04 IF AGED 18-34 OR 05-11 IF AGED 35 AND OVER**
- | | | | |
|-------------|----|---------------|----|
| 18-19 | 01 | 40-44 | 06 |
| 20-24 | 02 | 45-49 | 07 |
| 25-29 | 03 | 50-54 | 08 |
| 30-34 | 04 | 55-59 | 09 |
| 35-39 | 05 | 60-64 | 10 |
| | | 65+ | 11 |
| | | REFUSED | 12 |
- 2 **RECORD SEX** → MALE 1
FEMALE 2
- 3 Are you the person who is **most** responsible for doing the household grocery shopping? **IF UNSURE / SHARED EQUALLY WITH SOMEONE ELSE CODE AS "YES" IE CODE**
- | | |
|-----------|---|
| YES | 1 |
| NO | 2 |
- 1
- 4(a) How many people aged 18 years or over live in your household, including yourself?
- | | | | |
|----------------------------|---|---------------|--------------|
| | | ---4(a)--- | ---4(b)--- |
| | | <u>ADULTS</u> | <u>C'REN</u> |
| ONE | 1 | | 1 |
| TWO | 2 | | 2 |
| THREE | 3 | | 3 |
| FOUR | 4 | | 4 |
| FIVE | 5 | | 5 |
| SIX+ | 6 | | 6 |
| NONE | - | | 7 |
| DON'T KNOW / REFUSED | 8 | | 8 |
- 4(b) And how many children aged 17 years or younger live in your household?
- 5 Are you in paid employment full time, part time or not at all? **IF UNSURE / CASUAL / SELF EMPLOYED**
- | | |
|----------------------------|---|
| FULL TIME | 1 |
| PART TIME | 2 |
| NOT AT ALL | 3 |
| DON'T KNOW / REFUSED | 4 |
- 6 To help us ensure we have a representative sample could you please tell me the highest level of primary or secondary school you personally have completed? Was it...? **READ OUT 1-3**
- | | |
|----------------------------|---|
| YEAR 9 OR BELOW | 1 |
| YEAR 10 | 2 |
| OR, YEAR 11 OR 12 | 3 |
| DON'T KNOW / REFUSED | 4 |
- 7 And **apart** from primary and secondary school, what is the highest level of education you personally have **completed**? Was it...? **READ OUT 1-3**
- | | | |
|--|---|-----------|
| A DIPLOMA OR CERTIFICATE FROM A COLLEGE OR TAFE, INCLUDING AN APPRENTICESHIP | 1 | <u>SR</u> |
| A DEGREE OR DIPLOMA FROM A UNIVERSITY | 2 | |
| OR, NONE OF THESE | 3 | |
| REFUSED / DON'T KNOW | 4 | |
- 8 Which **one** of the following best describes your present marital status? **READ OUT 1-6**
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|----------------------------------|---|-----------|
| NEVER MARRIED | 1 | <u>SR</u> |
| DEFACTO OR LIVE TOGETHER | 2 | |
| MARRIED | 3 | |
| SEPARATED BUT NOT DIVORCED | 4 | |
| DIVORCED | 5 | |
| WIDOWED | 6 | |
| REFUSED | 7 | |
- 9 Could I please have the occupation of the main income earner of your household? **IF NECESSARY**
- Could I also have the position or job title of the main income earner of your household?
- _____
- _____



10 Is your household's combined annual income from all sources, before tax...

READ OUT A-D. Would that be...? **READ OUT 02-04 IF 30 TO 59, 06-08 IF 60 TO 89 OR 10-11 IF 90 THOUSAND OR MORE**

INTERVIEWER INFORMATION

**UNDER \$30,000 PA IS UNDER \$577 PER WEEK
\$30,000-\$39,999 PA IS \$577-\$769 PER WEEK**

**\$40,000-\$49,999 PA IS \$770-\$962 PER WEEK
\$50,000-\$59,999 PA IS \$963-\$1,154 PER WEEK
\$60,000-\$69,999 PA IS \$1,155-\$1,346 PER WEEK
\$70,000-\$79,999 PA IS \$1,347-\$1,538 PER WEEK**

**\$80,000-\$89,999 PA IS \$1,539-\$1,731 PER WEEK
\$90,000-\$99,999 PA IS \$1,732-\$1,923 PER WEEK
\$100,00-\$109,999 PA IS \$1,924-\$2,115 PER WEEK
OVER \$110,000 PA IS OVER \$2,115 PER WEEK**

A) UNDER 40 THOUSAND DOLLARS

UNDER 30 THOUSAND 01
OR, 30 TO 39 THOUSAND DOLLARS... 02
REFUSED / DON'T KNOW 03

B) 40 TO 79

40 TO 49 THOUSAND 04
50 TO 59..... 05
60 TO 69..... 06
OR, 70 TO 79 THOUSAND DOLLARS... 07
REFUSED / DON'T KNOW 08

C) OR, 80 THOUSAND OR MORE

80 TO 89 THOUSAND 09
90 TO 99..... 10
100 TO 109..... 11
OR, 110 THOUSAND DOLLARS OR
MORE 12
REFUSED / DON'T KNOW 13

**REFUSED..... 14
DON'T KNOW..... 15**