
LHP003 – Use of Quad Bikes and Motorbikes in Rural Areas

1. Intention

To provide policy guidance regarding the use of Quad bikes and Motorbikes on Rural Zoned Lands.

2. Scope

This policy applies to the use of Quadbikes and Motor Bikes on Rural Zoned Lands, the use of Quadbikes and Motor Bikes for recreational use and the prohibition of the use of Quadbikes and Motor Bikes for recreational use in other land use zones.

3. Statement

3.1 Riding motorbikes and quad bikes - General conditions

The following general conditions will apply at all times:

- The motorised bike (motorbike) must have an unmodified factory-fitted muffler(s) and be in a standard state of tune.
- Motocross jumps not to be used.
- The bike must not be unreasonably revved.
- The bike must not be purposely ridden up and down a particular boundary.
- Only bikes permanently retained at the property can be used.
- No racing.
- Riding is to take place between 7AM and 6PM, Monday to Saturday, and 9AM and 5PM on Sundays and public holidays.
- Riding hours are dependent on property size and distance from neighbouring properties.
- Time limits are intended to be as a singular time period rather than cumulative during the course of the day.

Please note: the hosting of informal or formal motor bike riding outings, gatherings, events or similar, requires prior written Shire Approval.

3.2 Riding Motorbikes and Quad Bikes on properties under 2 hectares

Properties under 0.5 Hectares

Noise from the riding of motorbikes on land where the property size is less than 5,000m² (0.5 Hectares or 1.25 acres) will be considered to unreasonably interfere with neighbouring properties, therefore, is **NOT** permitted.

Properties over 0.5 hectares but under 2 hectares

Noise from the riding of motorbikes on land where the property size is greater than 5,000m² but is less than 20,000m² (2 hectares) will not be considered to unreasonably interfere where riding activities are limited to 2 hours once per week and where all general conditions are met. (Intended to be as a singular time period rather than cumulative during the course of the day).

Low speed and low noise use of motorbikes and quad bikes for property maintenance activities, gardening, and the care and feeding of animals is permitted when required, within time frames outlined in general conditions.

3.3 Riding Motorbikes and quad bikes on properties between 2 and 10 hectares

Noise from the riding of motorbikes or quad bikes on land zoned 'Rural' or similar intent, where the property size is greater than 20,000m² (2 hectares) but less than 100,000m² (10 hectares) will not be considered to unreasonably interfere where riding activities are limited to 2 hours once per day and where all general conditions are met. (Intended to be as a singular time period rather than cumulative during the course of the day).

Low speed and low noise use of motorbikes and quad bikes for property maintenance activities, gardening, and the care and feeding of animals is permitted when required, within time frames outlined in general conditions.

3.4 Riding motorbikes and quad bikes on properties over 10 hectares

Noise from the riding of motorbikes or quad bikes on land zoned 'Rural' or similar intent, where the property size is greater than 100,000m² (10 hectares) will not be considered to unreasonably interfere where all general conditions are met.

4. Legislative and Strategic Context

- The *Local Government Act 1995* and associated subsidiary legislation
- The Shire of Waroona Activities on Thoroughfares and Trading in Thoroughfares and Public Places Local Law 2001
- Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage (DPLH) deemed planning provisions
- The *Environmental Protection Act 1986*
- The *Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997*

5. Review

This policy is to be reviewed Biennially.

6. Associated Documents

Other Shire of Waroona documents that have an association to this policy and that may be useful reference material are:

- Shire of Local Planning Scheme
- Shire of Waroona Local Planning Strategy
- Local Planning Policies
- Shire of Waroona Activities on Thoroughfares and trading in Thoroughfares and Public Places Local Law 2001.

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Related Legislation	Local Government Act 1995 Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 DPLH Deemed Planning Provisions The Environmental Protection Act 1986

		The Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997			
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