

MEDIA STATEMENT



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More off-road facilities needed in Murray

Member for Murray, Murray Cowper is calling on the Carpenter Government to help establish a motorcycling facility in the Murray district.

“Between fifty and seventy thousand off-road motorbikes were sold in the Peel region during the last 12 months and conservative figures have shown that 15% of off-road motorcycle riders live in this area. It is obviously a very popular pastime amongst my constituents,” Mr Cowper said.

“Sadly, the Carpenter Government continues to restrict the areas in which these vehicles can operate. We have recently seen the closure of Logue Brook Dam and the State Forrest as venues for people to enjoy their pastime and as a consequence, riders are taking more risks and going into areas of mixed vehicle use.

“The Murray Motor Club is affiliated with Motorcycling Western Australia and has over 200 members however, they have nowhere to operate from.

“Together with the Shire of Murray I have been identifying prospective sites within the community where responsible parents can bring their children to learn safe riding techniques, responsible management of their vehicle and un-sealed road navigation.

“Motorcycling in WA is a multi-million dollar industry and ignoring its growing popularity is ignoring a fantastic community development opportunity.

“If the Carpenter Government does not accommodate this industry, it is very likely we could see an increase in irresponsible behavior and tragically, more accidents.”

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