

To the Committee into Australia's national parks, conservation reserves and marine protected areas,

I am writing to submit to the committee that any National Park objective and/or value should be inclusive of bicycles users, be they off-road mountain bikers or on-road touring types. Cycle tourism is on the rise in Australia and this country's natural wonders should be available to all visitors to our National Parks.

I have attached a recent publication on the perception and realities of mountain bike use in New Zealand National Parks as a point of reference. There seems to be reluctance on the part of some Australian National Parks Managers to accommodate bicycle users. I hope that your committee can address this issue in the light of the attachment and make more parks and reserves bicycle friendly.

Sincerely,

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