

CODE OF PRACTICE

RECREATIONAL USE OF MOTORBIKES

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Introduction

This Code of Practice introduces guidelines on the frequency, the number and types of motorbikes and the length of time that they can be ridden on a recreational basis only on Rural 1 and Rural 2 zoned properties in the Tasman District with the intent of avoiding excessive noise. The guidelines are intended to reduce the impact of nuisance effects but also to allow recreational motorbike riding to be carried out and enjoyed by private property owners. This Code of Practice does not apply to motorbikes being used for legitimate farming activities. Nor does it override the need to comply with the noise performance standards for the relevant zone imposed by the Tasman Resource Management Plan.

Terms of Code of Practice

Recreational riding of motorbikes on Rural 1 and Rural 2 zoned properties shall be subject to the following guidelines:

- 1 Not more than four motorbikes shall be used on a property at any one time.
- 2 Motorbikes used on the property shall have standard, factory-fitted, unmodified exhaust systems that are properly maintained.
- 3 A maximum period of up to four hours per day from the time of start of riding (ie, if riding commences at 2.00 pm it must finish at 6.00 pm).
- 4 Riding times shall be between the hours of 9.00 am and 7.00 pm.
- 5 Up to three non-consecutive days may be used in a one-week period (ie, between Monday to Sunday inclusive).
- 6 An appropriate area away from adjacent neighbours should be used as far as is practicable for the recreational riding of motorbikes on an individual property.
- 7 Those responsible for the recreational motorbike riding on their property will inform the potentially affected neighbours of a timetable in accordance with the above limitations, indicating the days and times during which motorbike riding is likely to take place.
- 8 The terms of this Code of Practice may be varied with the written agreement of adjacent neighbours.
- 9 Proven non-compliance with this Code of Practice may result in appropriate enforcement action being instigated under the Resource Management Act 1991.