



## STAFF REPORT

**TO:** Environment & Planning Committee

**FROM:** David Lewis, Co-Ordinator - Regulatory Services

**REFERENCE:** L203

**SUBJECT:** **CODE OF PRACTICE – RECREATIONAL USE OF MOTORBIKES - REPORT EP07/05/07** – Report prepared for 9 May 2007 Meeting

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### 1. BACKGROUND

The Code of Practice for Recreational Use of Motorbikes was adopted by Council as a protocol for recreational motorbike riders with its recommended implementation being helped by mediation by the Nelson Motorcycle Club where indicated. The staff considered somewhat tighter controls be imposed on the exhaust systems of bikes to ensure noise emissions are kept to a practicable minimum.

In this respect a minor amendment to the Code has been proposed and is recommended for Council approval.

### 2. RECOMMENDATION

**It is therefore recommended that the Tasman District Council amends the Code of Practice for Recreational Use of Motorbikes by adding the following words to the end of guideline 2:**

**“... exhaust systems that are properly maintained.”**

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**Co-Ordinator - Regulatory Services**

Note:

The amended version of the Code of practice is attached for Councillors' information.

## **CODE OF PRACTICE RECREATIONAL USE OF MOTORBIKES**

March 2007

### **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. 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.

### **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 likely 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.