



Only positive action by you will prevent the progressive disappearance of access to tracks and trails

The Sustainable
Tracks and Trails
Action Group

VISION

An integrated network of horse tracks and trails throughout Western Australia
..... balancing the needs of
horse riders *and* the environment

Supported by the
West Australian Horse Council



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No membership fees involved

Sustainable Tracks and Trails Action Group (W.A.)

THE PROBLEM

Those of us who ride on tracks and trails have reasons to be concerned, as we are progressively being closed out. Our ability to enjoy our bush is being compromised by environmental extremists and Public servants, many of whom could be seen as having little concern or understanding for the real needs of horse riders.

We can try to fight the closure of tracks and trails on a local basis and be defeated by the Government instrumentalities or, we can all band together as a united group, and say clearly to the elected Government that we want real change in their policies and planning frameworks so they take account of all the community's needs, not just those with the loudest voices.

The Sustainable Tracks and Trails Action Group (W.A.) is aiming squarely at influencing Government Policy at the highest level.

SUSTAINABILITY AND THE HORSE OWNER

Sustainability is about balance - the balance between people, the planet (environment) and profit ... the triple bottom line. At times the balance may be difficult to achieve and those with the loudest voices sometimes prevail. Whilst most of us are environmentally responsible, it is very easy to be

apathetic and do nothing, thereby allowing environmental extremists and weak Government to erode our individual rights.

As horse owners we have seen a dwindling access to our tracks and trails, and with the launch of the new National Parks regulations this is likely to become even more restrictive as these start to take effect. Decisions are taken at local level by various Government instrumentalities, without any form of over-arching Policy framework or funding to protect the interests of trail riders. We need real policy from Government to provide equestrian, and other users, with the ability to enjoy our pastime.

The 'Sustainable Tracks and Trails Action Group' has been formed with the support of the Australian Horse Council to ensure that, as Trail riders, we can continue to access the natural beauty of our bush. Our aims are to ensure that our children can enjoy the same beauties of nature as we do.

We may never be able to agree with those who would lock up our bush and throw away the key, there are always extremists in every society. Our aim has to be to genuinely engage with all other stakeholders to obtain true sustainability for both the environment and our tracks and trails. Yet our discussion has to be at the highest level of policy making, be balanced and non-confrontational.

SPREAD THE WORD

Please contact every horse owner that you know and spread the word. If you received this flyer by E-mail then register your contact details with the coordinator and send it onwards to other horse owners.

In the coming months we will be organising facilitated workshops and petitions to engage all the stakeholders, including the Government and the oppositionmake your voice heard!.

STRATEGY:

Government influence by weight of numbers and being vocal in our objectives.

HORSES VOTE TOO!!!