

HELP MAKE SINGLETRAIL LEGAL | LATEST

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Shane Watts is working hard to promote the legalisation of singletrail in Victorian forests and here's how you can help.

Complete [this](#) 10 minute VicRoads survey outlining why you want and prefer singletrail in the bush.

<https://engage.vicroads.vic.gov.au/Neerimtrailbikes>

Once you've completed the survey, please email dirtwise@shanewatts.com (use subject line - "Legal Single track") and you will go in the draw to win one of 5 free DirtWise school spots (\$400 value each), one of 3 sets of GoldenTyres (\$250 each set), or one of 7 free DirtWise 4-pack Instructional DVD sets (\$95 each 4-pack set).

PLEASE SHARE THIS WITH ALL OF YOUR RIDING MATES!

Those who have already replied to the survey in the past can also enter the prize draw.

Survey closes this Sunday, April 2.

This is a call to action for all dirtbike riders, please make the short 10 minute effort to do this!

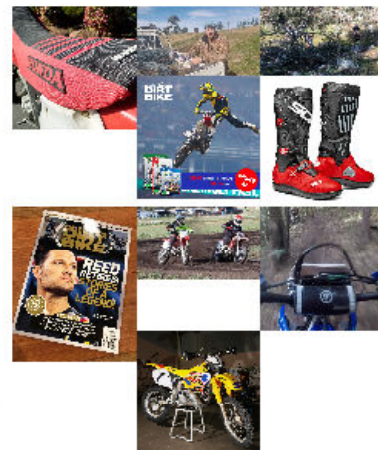
Shane Watts has provided his reasons for legalising singletrail, see below.

1. *The Government is finally asking if Offroad riders want allocated single track riding, and why they want it. Now is when we need to respond seeing as they are willing to listen.*
2. *We need to tell them the construction reasons why we prefer single track trails, such as, it is more challenging and enjoyable, much slower speeds are used than out on the roads, allows the rider to have a better sense of being in nature, there's much less chance of collisions with other forest users, namely 4WD vehicles, etc.*
3. *If one area of forest (Neerim East) is allocated with official designated single track, it will be much easier to convince government agencies to allow for more designated legal single track trails in other forests in Victoria and across Australia.*
4. *This survey and pilot program ultimately came about by other forest riding opportunities being shut down by DELWP, with many of those users being corralled into riding at the Neerim East area that predominantly has only fire road trails. The large number of serious accidents there, and subsequent claims against TAC, made the Neerim East unloading area an official "Black Spot" area which forced VicRoads to become involved to investigate why it was and how to alleviate it. VicRoads have now recognized the need for a necessary amount of single track trails for dirtbikes users and have therefore (along with several others) got DELWP to change (maybe overridden?) their previous operating mentality of closing all single track trails instead to now having the possibility of encouraging and creating single track riding areas.*
5. *This survey is not a ploy by VicRoads/DELWP to find where the "secret" single track is so they can close it down easier (they already pretty much know where most of it is), and it's not a ploy so as it can make it easier for the Police to find and catch you.*
6. *This survey gives Offroad riders, as a collective group, the opportunity to say to the government that as a group we do exist and that we would like single track to be made legal for valid reasons. This gives us a voice in the government agencies, and shows for future reference that we are a large group of concerned citizens.*
7. *Government issued official single track trail areas, and the precedent it creates, will make it easier for dirtbike groups/clubs to gain permission to conduct official events such as the A4DE and other Enduro events or Rally rides on single track trails in the forest. Currently that possibility in Victoria is pretty much nonexistent.*
8. *It will help bring more riders into the sport by having easier access to legal riding areas, and help grow the sport by providing these legal riding areas that encourage "fringe" riders (the stereotypical Aussie bogan that just roosts around in car parks!) to experience a good amount of single track and recognize the challenge and personal satisfaction that comes with conquering such trails as opposed to just ripping the fire roads, and that will/should help them become more of a true enthusiast which leads then to being a more responsible and respectful dirtbike rider and forest user.*
9. *We all need to take accountability for this unique opportunity for the future benefits of the sport. You need to share this survey with all of your current riding mates (and as many of your previous riding mates who might not ride any more but are still enthusiasts!) and then follow up with them and highly encourage them to complete this survey.*

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