



VEHICLE CLUB
Wellington (inc)

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**Re: Draft Policy for Recreation and Tourism Services in Wellington
Regional Council Parks and Forests September 2000**

The Cross Country Vehicle Club (CCVC) wishes to make a brief submission concerning the above policy document.

The CCVC supports the intent and content of the draft policy, with the one exception on the subject of charges for non-commercial 4WD events in the Akatarawa Forest, which are the only form of access we have as a club.

Our club understands Council's requirement to fund its activities and understands the introduction of the fee regime.

However many of our members have not been happy to pay the recently introduced \$2.00 per vehicle per day charge, on the basis that they have been accustomed to free access for some decades. They have paid it nonetheless.

With the proposed increase to \$15.00 and contribution towards the booking fee, there is a level of unrest and discontent within the club membership.

Therefore CCVC requests that a slightly lower charge be considered. In this, we support the submission from ARAC and its proposal of a \$10 per vehicle per day charge along with the introduction of the so-called "green dollar".

We also support the ARAC submission in all other respects and look forward to continuing our active participation towards management of the Akatarawa Forest.

For and on behalf of
Cross Country Vehicle Club (Wellington) Inc.

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