

## QUESTION ON NOTICE

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MR WELLINGTON ASKED THE MINISTER FOR NATIONAL PARKS, RECREATION, SPORT AND RACING (MR DICKSON)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the government's election commitment to open up our national parks—

Does the Minister have any plans to extend horse riding trails, motorbike riding trails and public walking trails in the Mapleton National Park?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for the Question.

Within the boundary of Mapleton National Park there is 77 kilometres of horse trails as forest reserve tenure.

Mapleton National Park is unique in that there is a dedicated motorised trail bike circuit 26 kilometres long known as the Gheerulla trail bike circuit.

There are many walking tracks in Mapleton—both short and long distances. Walking opportunities include a 28 kilometre section of the iconic Sunshine Coast Hinterland Great Walk, and a 56 kilometre long-distance walking trail with overnight camping.

The Government is focused on finding similar ways to open up National Parks land for recreational use and eco-tourism opportunities across Queensland.