

**DAVID HARRIS MP
LABOR SHADOW MINISTER FOR THE CENTRAL COAST**

COAST NEEDS MOUNTAIN BIKE PLAN OF MANAGEMENT

The Central Coast needs a comprehensive Mountain Bike Plan of Management to capture the great opportunities this sport presents both economically and health wise.

Mountain biking is one of the fastest and most popular family friendly lifestyle activities in the Country.

Mountain biking is now featured in numerous commercial promotions and the enjoyment, benefits and experiences that it offers individuals, friends and families is what encourages many people to get on their mountain bike and ride every week.

"This is highlighted by the number of people riding trails across the Country every weekend, before work and after work." Mr Harris said.

"Our proximity to Sydney offers incredible opportunities."

"The Coast must have a strategy that designates and highlights trails and tracks, allocates funding for infrastructure and identifies ways to attract riders to our area." Mr Harris said.

"A world class facility is being developed at Ourimbah State Forest but designated facilities at places like Kincumber Mountain, around the Peninsula and in the Northern Coast are a must."

"Destination tourism will attract spending and support a range of local jobs."

"Places like Dungog are experiencing a boom from mountain bike tourism." Mr Harris said.

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2020-07-10/mountain-biking-track-revives-small-town-economy/12440526>

"Let's seize the opportunity." Mr Harris said.

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