



## Western Australian Mountain Bike Strategy

PUBLIC CONSULTATION COMMENTS: RESPONSE AND ACTION

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ID	COMMENT	PG	RESPONSE	ACTION	ACTIONED
<b>EXECUTIVE SUMMARY</b>					
#7	Recognises the need for more trails and the growth of the sport.		Agree. The Strategy provides for this	No action.	N/A
#9	I am concerned that self-report may have been used as a methodology for determining rider ability. According to the exec summary, riders are overwhelmingly intermediate, with very few beginners. Stand on the side of the Kalamunda Circuit on a Sunday morning, and you could easily classify 60% as beginner, 30 as intermediate and 10% as experienced. Self report should always be taken with a grain of salt!	14	<p>Agree. Yes it is self-reported, but the lack of any alternative Western Australian statewide survey data makes it difficult to substantiate another view.</p> <p>Suggest revising Pg15: 'Visitor surveys and trail counters should be used to monitor changes in participation levels and community composition and evaluate the success of this Strategy in reducing these barriers'</p> <p>Suggest a new recommendation under Strategy 2.1: 'Monitor changes in participation levels and community composition'</p> <p>Suggest recommended actions to undertake visitor surveys and use trail counters to build an understanding of how trails are used, how often and by who and then use these visitor statistics to evaluate the success of reducing barriers to participation.</p>	<p>Revise Pg15 as proposed.</p> <p>Include new recommendation and recommended actions as proposed.</p>	Yes
#11	I think OUR VISION should include mention of High performance/ competition as well as the other things mentioned.	3, 29	<p>Steering Committee response required.</p> <p>Steering Committee resolved that the vision should include 'sport' – therefore all competitive riding, not just high performance:</p> <p>'Our vision is for Western Australia to embrace sustainable</p>	Revise Pg3 and Pg29 as proposed.	Yes

			mountain biking as a leading recreational, sport and tourism experience by delivering opportunities, maximising participation and sharing the benefits'		
#11	120 000 mtbikes a year - this may be a little misleading as there are mt bikes and there are mt bikes! I'd say the majority of these bikes are from Big W or Anaconda and not of the quality needed to participate at a level that these trails are going to be for. A bike that is going to provide the longevity, fun and safety is going to cost around \$2500.	3, 14	Disagree. Figures are based on Australian Bicycle Council, Retail Cycle Traders Australia data.  The Strategy aims to increase mountain biking at all levels, from entry-level to high performance. The Strategy aims to provide a full spectrum of trails, with opportunities for any bikes that are appropriate for riding in off-road environments. Affordability should not be a barrier to participation.	No action.	N/A
#11	Lack of participation by those groups is probably similar across the board for most sports - less kids, less females... lots of women give up their chance of riding as they have kids to look after, don't have the finances. (actually there's nothing in here about child minding - maybe similar to ski fields where parents can go off and kids go to ski school!) By the way I'm not even a parent!	4, 15	Agree.  Suggest revision on Pg4 and Pg15: 'While there is significant opportunity for growth in all areas mountain biking in Western Australia, like many sport and recreational activities, has a gender imbalance.'	Revise Pg4 and Pg15 as proposed.	Yes
#20	There are some great elements to the strategy and additional elements that require further consideration. Peel believes that closing the gap from the trails riders would like to ride and what currently exists is the key priority. This will promote engagement and reduce the perceived need for unsanctioned trails. The construction of downhill and freeride trails in the Perth Peel region should therefore be an immediate priority.	5, 15	Agree. The Strategy recognises the need to close the gaps between rider preferences and the styles, technical difficulties and locations of existing trails.  Recommendation 3.1.2 provides for regional masterplanning to identify and prioritise locations for mountain bike facilities, including appropriate locations with terrain suitable for downhill and freeride trails.	No action.	N/A
#20	It is worth exploring the idea of WestCycle/WAMBA assuming responsibility for state series and championships. However, careful consideration must be given to ensure that roles, responsibilities and resourcing are well understood and communicated to Clubs.	16	Noted. Suggest a recommendation action of Strategy 2.3 to develop and implement a process to support and facilitate the delivery of state series and state championships annually for different mountain bike styles.  Suggest including recommendation actions on marketing and securing sponsorship for the series and championships	Include a recommendation action in the implementation plan as proposed.	Yes

			and providing administrative, financial, promotional and other support to clubs, groups and event organisers as appropriate to facilitate and deliver events.		
#20	Peel recognises the importance of WAMBA and supports the strategy insofar as it includes primary consideration to WAMBA as being a central part of sustainable mountain biking governance.	12	Noted.	No action.	N/A
#21	The Department of Water notes and appreciates that we have been listed as a possible member of the recommended Steering Committee to guide and drive implementation of the strategy. Early input from the Department of Water can help ensure proposed trails are consistent with Government policy and legislation and the protection of water quality and public health in public drinking water source areas.	12	Noted.	No action.	N/A
#22	Page 4 - need to state what the abbreviation WAMBA stands for, as this is the first time the acronym is mentioned in the body of the document. Should be "West Australian Mountain Bike Association (WAMBA)".	4, 9	Agree. Suggest revising Pg4 and Pg 9: 'West Australian Mountain Bike Association (WAMBA)'	Revise Pg4 and Pg 9 as proposed.	Yes
#22	The word "underrepresented" should have a hyphen "under-represented".		Disagree.	No action.	N/A
#23	Overall the executive summary provides good content with specific information that summarises the document well. However, I find that the language used in the EXSUM and to some extent in the main text overall is too assertive. Statements carry a level of certainty that is not always substantiated by data. I would recommend refraining from overusing the "indicative present tense" and use more freely structures / verbs that convey possibilities and potential. This change in gear is required to convey risk and opportunities associated with MTB as neither has been fully explored in the strategy.		Noted.	See below.	Yes
#23	The ExSummary and the Strategy is missing a timeline. What is the expected timeline for achieving the		Steering Committee response required.	Insert '2015- 2020' on cover page, Pg3 and Pg9	Yes

	objectives in the documents 3-5-10 years?		The Steering Committee resolved that the Strategy should have a 5-year timeline. Therefore 2015 – 2020.  This will cross-match with the timescales of the implementation plan: short (0 – 3 years), medium (3 – 5 years), long (5+ years).		
#23	Specific comments: Third bullet point: the Strategy suggests that 50,000 riders are have ridden Camacazi and Scorpion. Does this number represent the total number of riders on both tracks or 50,000 riders on each track, its unclear in the text.	3	Noted. Together the two trails have been ridden over 50,000 times. This includes multiple trips by the same rider.	No action.	N/A
#23	First Paragraph, middle column 7 line: PROPOSED CHANGE why: language too certain; these consequences are likely but not certain As a result unsanctioned trail usage has increased, which in turn may negatively impacts landscapes and the environment, could causes conflict with other land uses and, and has the potential to increases risk and liability for landowners and managers .	3	Agree.  Suggest revising Pg3: ‘...which in turn may negatively...’	Revise Pg3 as proposed.	Yes
#23	First Paragraph, middle column line 9 from bottom: PROPOSED CHANGE why: language too certain; This is likely due to barriers that restrict or deter people from getting, including perceptions about mountain biking, limited understanding of the benefits, undersupply and inaccessibility of appropriate trails and restricted opportunities for skill-building and progression.	3, 15	Agree.  Suggest revising Pg3 and Pg15: ‘This is likely due...’	Revise Pg3 and Pg15 as proposed.	Yes
#23	OBJECTIVE 2, page 4, third column PROPOSED CHANGE why: language hyperbolic; 12% female representation is in line with other cycling activities Females, young people and beginners/less skilled riders are underrepresented across all aspects of mountain biking and the barriers that restrict or deter these sections of the population from getting involved need to be addressed.	4	Agree.  Suggest revising Pg 4: ‘...are underrepresented...’	Revise Pg4 as proposed.	Yes
#23	OBJECTIVE 3, page 5, middle column, PROPOSED CHANGE Why: some trails might have already there	5	Agree.	Revise Pg5 as proposed.	Yes

	with the MTB rider; “many” is unspecified, how many is many? It also carries a negative connotation Further, gaps between supply and demand have led to the creation of informal mountain bike trails and the use of other recreational facilities for mountain biking		Suggest revising Pg5: ‘..creation of informal mountain bike trails...’		
#23	OBJECTIVE 5, page 5, PROPOSED CHANGE why: word repeated While commitments to date have largely been focused on specific projects or short-term goals amongst only a few key stakeholders, the need now is for wider partnerships to be established to guide the growth and economic sustainability of mountain biking into the future.	7	Agree.  Suggest revising Pg7: ‘...established to guide the...’	Revise Pg7 as proposed.	Yes
#24	MB can also be ridden on roads and indeed many are as riders move from one track to others. There needs to be some integration between pure MB riding and riding for exercise and pleasure on paved surfaces and the need for safe barriers from cars for all cyclists.		Disagree. The Strategy focuses on riding in off-road environments. On-road cycling and relationships with other vehicles is considered in WestCycle’s ‘Our Bike Path 2014 – 2020’.	No action.	N/A
#24	Objectives are strong and set things out clearly.		Noted.	No action.	N/A
#27	I suggest difference between Mountain Biking and other forms of cycling is noted.		Disagree. Mountain biking is clearly defined on Pg8 and different styles defined in the glossary.	No action.	N/A
#27	Regarding participation I suggest ready availability of ‘easy’/ ‘beginner’ tracks would assist.	15	Agree. Recommendation 2.1.2 provides for this.	No action.	N/A
#27	As well as the focus on supporting groups as many people do not get involved with groups.	13	Agree. Strategy 1.5 provides for this.	No action.	N/A
#27	Support for the steering group having some community health representatives / health advocates to assist encouraging participation by the less healthy.	12	Noted.	No action.	N/A
#27	Maybe even the education department to encourage youth involvement?	12	Disagree. Department of Education involvement will be involved on an as needs basis, rather than as part of the day-to-day implementation of the Strategy.	No action.	N/A
#28	I fully support and concur with the vision and objectives set out in the Executive Summary. The supporting Mountain Bike Planning and Significance Hierarchies appear logical, pragmatic and		Noted.	No action.	N/A

	workable is assessing and guiding future trail development.				
#29	Does WAMBA want to align with WestCycle, or is this just the desire of WestCycle?	12, 13	At both state and national level there are recommendations to integrate the management and delivery structure of all the cycling disciplines. Strategy 1.4 provides for this.	No action.	N/A
#29	If there is a peak body, will organised races then be sanctioned or endorsed by the peak body, which could be a source of funding into the peak body. Eg \$5 per entrant from cape to cape would provide \$6000 of funding to the peak body, and another \$5000 from Dwellingup 100.	16	Noted. Strategy 5.2 provides for the exploration of alternative/additional resourcing streams – event subsidies is one possible source.	No action.	N/A
#29	I lived the Northern Perth suburbs (City of Joondalup) and would like to see the establishment of some singletrack circuits in the region. Even just beginner and intermediate level would suffice. I think this would help take pressure off thekalamunda circuit.		Noted. Developing urban trails is a key part of the Strategy (Recommendation 2.1.4). Potential sites will be identified and prioritised by regional masterplanning.	No action.	N/A
#31	Exec Overall very good and all statements generally supported.		Noted.	No action.	N/A
#31	Intro - Change “Cape to Cape” to “Cape to Cape MTB” or similar so not to be confused with walking trail? Competitive MTB Events at start may cover it?	3, 8, 14, 25	Agree.  Suggest change all incidences to Cape to Cape MTB.	Revise Pg3, Pg8, Pg14, Pg25 as proposed.	Yes
#31	Intro - Potential to Update Cape to Cape MTB Race and Dwellingup figures with higher 2014 figures.		Agree.  Suggest obtaining 2014 figures from event organisers	Obtain 2014 figures from event organisers. Revise Pg3, Pg8, Pg14.	Yes
#31	Objective 1 - It would be good to have industry represented on the steering committee as well. Many other sectors have industry representation.	4, 12	Steering Committee response required.  Disagree. The Steering Committee noted that whilst ‘industry’ does need to be involved in the implementation of the Strategy, through consultation and communication, a position on the Steering Committee is not necessary.  The Steering Committee considered that there is no formal body that can represent the whole ‘industry’ (retail,	No action, but ensure the terms of reference for the Steering Committee enable future composition changes.	N/A

			<p>businesses, consultants etc) – the Australian Bicycle Council has little relevance in Western Australia.</p> <p>The Steering Committee resolved that the terms of reference for the Steering Committee tasked to implement of the Strategy must allow for the composition of the Steering Committee to change at a future date.</p>		
#31	Objective 2 – Potentially ADD something like “While there is significant opportunity for growth in all areas”..... females, young people.....underrepresented.	4, 15	<p>Agree.</p> <p>Suggest revision on Pg4 and Pg15: ‘While there is significant opportunity for growth in all areas mountain biking in Western Australia, like many sport and recreational activities, has a gender imbalance.’</p>	Revise Pg4 and Pg15 as proposed.	Yes
#31	Objective 3 – Consider changing maintenance to “management” in last paragraph.	5, 23	<p>Agree.</p> <p>Suggest replace all incidences of ‘maintenance’ in this context with ‘management’.</p>	Replace ‘maintenance’ as proposed.	Yes
#31	Objective 4 – “The key now is for Western Australia to effectively market...” This statement should be reconsidered as it has been proven that significant marketing of an area too early (now) before it has reached a critical mass can have detrimental effect to the area.	7, 25	<p>Steering Committee response required.</p> <p>The Steering Committee agreed that premature active marketing could be detrimental long-term. It was agreed that marketing depends on the area and its capacity. When something is marketable, then marketing should commence. Over-marketing should be avoided.</p> <p>The Steering Committee resolved that Pg 7 and Pg25 should be revised to ensure that active marketing is undertaken when appropriate. The marketing strategy (Recommendation 4.2.1) should set out when marketing should commence.</p>	Revise Pg7 and Pg25 as proposed.	Yes
#31	Objective 4 –Should state that recreation based tourism is bigger potential than event based tourism, suggest just adding recreation somewhere towards the start?	7	<p>Agree.</p> <p>Suggest Revise Pg7: ‘...capitalise on the sport, recreational and tourism opportunities that mountain biking presents...’</p> <p>‘...diversification of the recreation sector and the tourism</p>	Revise Pg7 as proposed.	Yes

			industry and healthier happier people’		
#31	Objective 4 – While the Albany Urban Downhill is an excellent event and has growth potential, unlike the Cape to Cape its growth potential is not comparable to international offerings. Its specific identification might be reconsidered.	7, 25	Disagree. Albany Urban Downhill has the potential to cement itself as an iconic event that draws world-class riders and large numbers of people to watch, not necessarily compete. It is understand that the event intends to expand long-term and include events for riders of different abilities and styles.	No action.	N/A
#31	Objective 5 – The need now is not only for wider partnerships but more importantly significant funding required to make things happen. Suggest adding funding in there somewhere.	7, 27	Agree. Suggest revising Pg7 and P27: ‘..only realised through long-term funding and the support and commitment...’  ‘While funding and support to date...’  ‘...wider partnerships and significant long-term funding streams and wider partnerships...’	Revise Pg7 and Pg27 as proposed	Yes
#32	20+ trails in Kalamunda not 30.	3, 8	Disagree, 30 named trails listed on Trails WA and KMBC trail maps	No action.	N/A
#32	Figure 1, under “Local” column, should include clubs and associations.	4, 11	Steering Committee response required.  The Steering Committee resolved that Figure 1 should be revised as follows:  STATE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Western Australian Trails Strategy</li> <li>- State government strategies and plans</li> <li>- Departmental policy statements</li> <li>- WestCycle and WAMBA strategies and plans</li> </ul> REGIONAL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Regional Development Commission plans</li> <li>- Regional Tourism Authority plans</li> <li>- Local government strategies and plans</li> </ul> LOCAL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Local government strategies and plans</li> <li>- Land manager management and business plans</li> </ul>	Revise Figure 1 (Pg4 and Pg11) as proposed.	Yes



			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Western Australian Mountain Bike Guidelines, including Trail Development Process and general principles</li> <li>- Clubs and groups strategies and plans</li> </ul>		
#32	Objective 2, second paragraph should be “greater support and funding opportunities for clubs”	4, 16	<p>Agree in part. Suggest revising Pg4: ‘...greater administrative, financial and promotional support to clubs, groups, volunteers and event organisers and the adoption...’</p> <p>Suggest include action under Recommendation 2.3.1 regarding provision of greater administrative, financial and promotional support.</p> <p>Suggest revising Pg16: ‘WAMBA should continue to work with clubs, groups and event organisers to deliver events, with administrative, financial and promotional support provided as appropriate’.</p>	<p>Revise Pg4 as proposed.</p> <p>Revise Pg16 as proposed.</p> <p>Include a recommendation action in the implementation plan as proposed.</p>	Yes
#32	Objective 3, Insert 5 paragraph that discusses importance of individual detailed area trail plans. These are important as these will actually deliver trails on the ground. Need to be mentioned as imported as need to be funded.	5, 22, 23	<p>Agree.</p> <p>Suggest insert at Pg5: ‘Local trail planning should then be undertaken to guide and facilitate the delivery of mountain bike facilities at locations identified by regional masterplanning’</p> <p>Suggest combining ‘Development Process’ and ‘General Principles’ on Pg22 and Pg23 and renaming ‘Local Trail Planning’.</p> <p>Suggest revise first paragraph of Pg22: ‘Local trail planning should be undertaken to guide and facilitate the delivery of mountain bike facilities at locations identified by regional masterplanning. There is currently no statewide local trail planning process in place to guide trails from conception to implementation...’</p> <p>Suggest insert new recommendation under Strategy 3.1: ‘Undertake local trail planning to guide and facilitate the</p>	<p>Revise Pg5 as proposed.</p> <p>Revise Pg22 as proposed.</p> <p>Insert recommendation as proposed.</p>	Yes

			delivery of mountain bike facilities at locations identified by regional masterplanning'		
#32	Objective 4, Include paragraph at end that states "Need to develop world class trails first and as a priority"	7, 25	<p>Steering Committee response required.</p> <p>The Steering Committee agreed that premature active marketing could be detrimental long-term. It was agreed that marketing depends on the area and its capacity. When something is marketable, then marketing should commence. Over-marketing should be avoided.</p> <p>The Steering Committee resolved that Pg7 and Pg25 should be revised to ensure that active marketing is undertaken when appropriate. The marketing strategy (Recommendation 4.2.1) should set out when marketing should commence.</p>	Revise Pg 7 and Pg25 as proposed.	Yes
#32	Generally this section is too long and should be significantly reduced, ie bullet points. Also it seems like a cut and paste from the other chapters as parts feature almost word for word later on (particularly in the Intro section). This will switch people off and undersells the quality of the content of this document...		Disagree. The purpose of the Executive Summary is to summarise salient points of the main body of the document.	No action.	N/A
#33	It's great to see efforts being made to build an effective framework for developing the infrastructure and management of mountain biking in WA. The time has past when trail builders could rock up with a shovel and build some "stuff".		Noted.	No action.	N/A
#33	Local people dealing with Land managers in regional areas would benefit from the expertise and support of experienced advocates, particular if the use of land can be supported with solid plans that support what uses want and create wider opportunities for all comers to enjoy the sport.		<p>Agree. Regional masterplanning and local trail planning (Strategy 3.1) provides for the development of a network of trails that provide opportunities for different rider abilities and styles.</p> <p>Strategy 3.2 provides for enhancing understanding of the need for sustainable trail development, including advocacy and communicating the positive effects of sustainable mountain biking</p>	No action.	N/A

#33	Of particular note: Women are under-represented.		Agree. The Strategy aims to increase participation and address the gender imbalance.	No action.	N/A
#33	Trails with good skill progression can be further developed so riders are not making a big leap (it's sometimes small features or large features). Creating more trails that are suitable for children can make this an activity that family's can enjoy together. Skills parks and pump tracks are also great for skill development and don't need to take a lot of space. They can also be built in urban parks and therefore are more accessible to families and more riders generally.	20	Agree. The Strategy recognises the need for opportunities for skill-building and progression.	No action.	N/A
#34	I agree with the executive summary and that there are lot of benefits to society especially bringing people and tourism into regional areas, and improving personal and car security in the Perth Hills from more people using the area.		Noted.	No action.	N/A
#34	I would debate the environmental impact, as an environmental scientist I have seen very little impact even in areas where unsanctioned trails exist, but I agree that the more purpose built trails that exist the better for the environment, society and the users.		Noted.	No action.	N/A
#34	I agree with each of the objectives - a great start and really proactive.		Noted.	No action.	N/A

#### SECTION 01: INTRODUCTION

#7	Lots of guff written by committees. Could have done it in a few sentences.		Noted.	No action.	N/A
#7	There isnt enough tracks in the metro area.	20	Agree. The Strategy recognises that trails within or in close proximity to population centres is limited, and the acute lack of urban trails in the Perth Metropolitan Region. Recommendation 2.1.4 provides for this.  Recommendation 3.1.2 provides for regional masterplanning to identify and prioritise locations for mountain bike facilities, including appropriate locations within the Perth Metropolitan Region.	No action.	N/A

#11	Bit repetitive of the executive summary		Disagree. The purpose of the Executive Summary is to summarise salient points of the main body of the document.	No action.	N/A
#11	Agree with benefits of mt biking and tourism. It's now a huge industry that only the people who ride know about.	24, 25	Agree.	No action.	N/A
#18	Whilst young rider and female participation rates are low - this is typical of the sport in general. Accordingly the strategy should put more focus on the actual users - rather than simply advertising the sport to new comers. Whilst a wider spread of participation is important in the long term without improved investment in trails now new riders will have no reason to start - particularly if they have had a bad experience at / on one of the existing trails.	15	Disagree. The Strategy needs to cater for both existing and new riders.  Regional masterplanning and local trail planning (Strategy 3.1) provides for the development of a network of trails that provide opportunities for different rider abilities and styles.	No action.	N/A
#23	Some changes that may be required in the INTRODUCTION have been discussed in the EXSUM section, and if accepted should be carried through		Noted.	See relevant sections, as appropriate.	Yes
#28	I concur with the remarks in the Introduction on the importance of volunteer involvement. As a member of WAMBA, KMBC and an active trail maintenance volunteer and board member of the Munda Biddi Trail Foundation I believe it is crucial to recognise, encourage and strategically support and manage the volunteer community as they ultimately ensure the sustainability of mountain bike trails and organisations	9	Noted.	No action.	N/A
#31	Comments on physical challenges, self esteem etc are excellent but there could be more of a focus on community development and friendships developed and support networks and the mental health benefits. This is not just achieved through volunteering	8, 9	Agree.  Suggest inserting second paragraph Pg9: 'Mountain biking provides significant opportunities for community development and fostering a sense of belonging. The Western Australian mountain bike community is well established, with strong networks and friendships developed within clubs and groups, through riding, whilst participating in events and through online interaction'	Revise Pg8 and Pg9 as proposed.	Yes

#32	20+ trails in Kalamunda not 30.	3, 8	Disagree, 30 named trails listed on Trails WA and KMBC trail maps	No action.	N/A
#32	Second paragraph on page 9 should make greater reference to mental health.	8, 9	<p>Agree.</p> <p>Suggest revising Pg8 and Pg9: 'Mountain biking can yield significant physical and mental health benefits.</p> <p>Exercising in natural settings is widely acknowledged as the healthiest form of physical activity with regular exercise recognised as protective against diseases such as cancer, diabetes, heart disease, stroke and joint and bone disease, and also beneficial in preventing and treating obesity<sup>9,10</sup>.</p> <p>Riding can also promote good mental health by boosting emotional wellbeing, mood concentration and alertness and enhancing vitality. Regular exercisers have lower rates of mental illness and reduced risk of developing mental disorders.<sup>11</sup> Exercise has also be shown to effectively treat depression.<sup>12</sup> In addition, overcoming physical and technical challenges whilst mountain biking can increase confidence and boost self-esteem<sup>13</sup>.</p> <p>Reorder references and insert new (12)</p> <p>Ten Have, M., de Graaf R. and Monshouwer, K. (2011, November). Physical exercise in adults and mental health status findings from the Netherlands mental health survey and incidence study (NEMESIS). Journal of Psychosomatic Research, 71(5), 342-8. Available at: <a href="http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/21999978">http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/21999978</a></p>	<p>Revise Pg8 and Pg9 as proposed.</p> <p>Reorder references and insert new.</p>	Yes
#32	Third paragraph on page 9 implies that only get economic benefits though events. This is not the case eg Rotorua (see my comments later (Part 2 Tourism)..	9	<p>Agree.</p> <p>Suggest revise Pg9: 'Spending through mountain bike recreation and tourism, including food and drink sales, accommodation, bike and equipment sales and events, can also provide significant economic benefits to local and regional communities and businesses'</p>	Revise Pg9 as proposed.	Yes

#32	Tenth paragraph on page 9, would be good if could include supported by Dept of Water?	9	Noted. 'Supported' in this context means through resourcing (time and financial) spent during the preparation of the Strategy.  In comments submitted during the public consultation, the Department of Water thanked WestCycle for its consideration and appreciation of public drinking water source protection areas in the Strategy.	No action.	N/A
#32	Should include a section on the quality of MTB trails in WA, ie that they are generally poor by world standards.		Disagree. The level of audit necessary to draw such conclusions is beyond the scope of the Strategy. Regional masterplanning (provided for by Recommendation 3.1.2) will include trail audits.	No action.	N/A
#32	Generally this section is good, and when the executive section is reduced (see above) will be more relevant.		Noted. The purpose of the Executive Summary is to summarise points of the main body of the document.	No action.	N/A
#32	Maybe could briefly mention high costs of providing high quality trails/infrastructure?		Disagree. Achieving high quality is not necessarily more expensive.	No action.	N/A
#3	MTB strategic plan un sanctioned #motherhood_statements #sweeping_assessments #no_future_state_transition_plan Barriers to entry Restricted opportunities for skill building and progression #how? Framework Steering committee #community_representatives? Non partisan or aligned Right style right size exists right place right reason #to_ride Development process Creation implement general principles #business_rules #unsanctioned trail use is high #planning_hierachy DPaW policy statement 18 rec tourism visitor services DPaW draft MTB mgmt guidelines Westcycle WAMBA DSR DPaW Water Health Planning Transport LGA #DRD_royaltiesforregions, specificprogramfunding #DoPlanning Club layer between individual rider and WAMBA/steering committee/shared_services_model Current levels of commitment may not be maintained placing WAMBA at risk Integrate mantra to integrate all copy cling		Unclear.	No action.	N/A

	disciplines				
#3	westcycle<>WAMBA #shared_services_model Same as sLa Service level agreement (for funding and or resources) Measurement - criteria-performance measures and recourse Positions on SSA board and governance structure driven by metrics and measures? #funding model SLA. BUT 60% of riders (no respondents) are not club or group members. Funding carried by members, non representative and also biased funding and direction model?		Unclear.	No action.	N/A
#3	Westcycle (WAMBA overarching) responsible of state series and state championships. Are we getting a letter from clubs advising, is there a funding mechanism?	16	Noted. Suggest a recommendation action of Strategy 2.3 to develop and implement a process to support and facilitate the delivery of state series and state championships annually for different mountain bike styles.	Include a recommendation action in the implementation plan as proposed.	Yes
#3	Lots of unsanctioned trails around #Newman.	19	Noted, already included for in mapping on Pg19	No action.	N/A
#3	lol #limited availability of suitable terrain. As a result level of unsanctioned DH FR riDing high. so it's land access and not suitability of terrain that's issue? #Rejuvenated_trail.	20	Recommendation 3.1.2 provides for regional masterplanning to identify and prioritise locations for mountain bike facilities, including appropriate locations with terrain suitable for downhill and freeride trails.	No action.	N/A
#3	Hahahaha WA specific MTB trail classification system, key specs for different level of technical challenges in wa as opposed rest of world? In building yes, not in the trail type would thought?	23	Noted. The Strategy highlights the gaps of existing trail classification systems (IMBA). These gaps can cause inconsistencies across the state. A Western Australian-specific trail classification will fill the gaps and enable consistency. Colour coding and symbology will remain as existing.	No action.	N/A
#3	Local Trails Industry - this is the same organisation that called in and awarded an organisations from 4000km away.	23	Noted. Suggest recommended action of Strategy 3.4 to support and communicate a preference for Western Australian-based service providers in trail planning, design, construction and maintenance commissions where appropriate	Include a recommendation action in the implementation plan as proposed.	Yes
#3	#promote MTBing to a wider audience #needs some more DH Sean lee pics_not all cape to cape		Noted. Imagery needs to show the full cross-section of mountain biking. However, agree that there is scope to increase downhill/freeride images.  Suggest contacting Sean Lee and/or other photographers.	Attempts to obtain additional high quality downhill images unsuccessful.	N/A

#3	#our vision "is for "...."our vision is wa embraces sustainable...." . Who proofed this vision?	3, 29	The draft vision was developed by WestCycle and the Steering Committee, and then subject to public consultation.	No action.	N/A
#3	How long to implementation plan, how many power points need to die before we see it. #metrics, no SLA/SSM without it!!!!!!!!!!!!!! How are we measuring success of the strat plan? #implementation for the SSM, when are resources, on what fte basis or hrs per month, or capability count or anything?	31	The implementation plan (provided for by Recommendation 1.2.2) is underdevelopment.	No action.	N/A
#3	#wamba constitution and objectives. All members participate or board only? Abnormal meeting or survey or input? Metrics posted on meeting minutes and staff committee metrics and performance on annual report?	12, 13	Specific details on WAMBA's constitution are beyond the scope of this Strategy. This will be addressed within the review of WAMBA's constitution and strategic objectives (Recommendation 1.4.2)	No action.	N/A
#3	2.1.4 measurement metrics and performance. New trails laid out, in km/yr	32	Suggest deliverables/outputs are set out in the implementation plan under Recommendation 2.1.4: increase in number of trails developed within and in close proximity to population centres and Increase in number of urban trails developed in the Perth Metropolitan region	Include deliverables/outputs in the implementation plan as proposed.	Yes
#3	#code of conduct – hard to endorse something never sent out, probably in consultation	16	The code of conduct (as provided for by Recommendation 2.2.1) is currently underdevelopment as part of the Western Australian Mountain Bike Management Guidelines.	No action.	N/A
#3	#2.4.2 DPaW and Water, if on steering committee as part of arrangement, their metrics to enable land access	32	Noted. The Department of Parks and Wildlife and Department of Water will be invited to nominate representatives for the Steering Committee (Recommendation 1.2.1).	No action.	N/A
#3	#urban_skyscraper_stairwell_race = corporate high profile partnerships.	35	Noted. Recommendation 5.2.6 provides for developing mechanisms to facilitate corporate resourcing	No action.	N/A
#34	Totally agree		Noted.	No action.	N/A
<b>SECTION 02: MOUNTAIN BIKING IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA</b>					
#11	Agree with the structure in Fig 2	12	Noted.	No action.	N/A
#11	Agree with health benefits - should highlight the mental benefits also	8, 9	Agree.  Suggest revising Pg8 and Pg9: 'Mountain biking can yield	Revise Pg8 and Pg9 as proposed.  Reorder references and insert	Yes



			<p>significant physical and mental health benefits.</p> <p>Exercising in natural settings is widely acknowledged as the healthiest form of physical activity with regular exercise recognised as protective against diseases such as cancer, diabetes, heart disease, stroke and joint and bone disease, and also beneficial in preventing and treating obesity<sup>9,10</sup>.</p> <p>Riding can also promote good mental health by boosting emotional wellbeing, mood concentration and alertness and enhancing vitality. Regular exercisers have lower rates of mental illness and reduced risk of developing mental disorders.<sup>11</sup> Exercise has also be shown to effectively treat depression.<sup>12</sup> In addition, overcoming physical and technical challenges whilst mountain biking can increase confidence and boost self-esteem<sup>13</sup>.</p> <p>Reorder references and insert new (12)</p> <p>Ten Have, M., de Graaf R. and Monshouwer, K. (2011, November). Physical exercise in adults and mental health status findings from the Netherlands mental health survey and incidence study (NEMESIS). Journal of Psychosomatic Research, 71(5), 342-8. Available at: <a href="http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/21999978">http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/21999978</a></p>	new.	
#13	It would be helpful to have more mountain bike tracks in suburbia rather having to head into the hills for Perth people. Bold Park and/or Herdsman reserve, might be suitable	20	<p>Agree. The Strategy recognises that trails within or in close proximity to population centres is limited, and the acute lack of urban trails in the Perth Metropolitan Region.</p> <p>Recommendation 3.1.2 provides for regional masterplanning to identify and prioritise locations for mountain bike facilities.</p>	No action.	N/A
#17	I believe that maximising the trails we have in WA to a level the full range of riders aspire to, should be the key priority for WAMBA and the strategy. This will foster engagement and rider ownership and will reduce the perceived need for unsanctioned trails. It is		<p>Noted. Strategy 3.1 provides for a network of facilities with opportunities for all levels of rider and styles of riding.</p> <p>Recommendation 3.1.2 provides for regional masterplanning to identify and prioritise locations for</p>	No action.	N/A

	hoped that this will be the impetus for downhill trail construction within the Perth and Peel regions as an immediate priority.		mountain bike facilities, including appropriate locations with terrain suitable for downhill and freeride trails. Masterplanning for the Perth Metropolitan and Peel regions has commenced.		
#17	WAMBA assuming responsibility for state series and championships is an idea worth exploring. Careful consideration must be given to ensure that such discussion gives consideration to incentives around resourcing and responsibilities for Clubs to adopt this approach where normally they have done it themselves.	16	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Suggest revising Pg16 to further acknowledge contribution of clubs/groups: ‘...organised by clubs. The significant and valuable contribution made by clubs and their volunteer workforce in successfully running state level competition is recognised and acknowledged. However, these clubs may not maintain the current level of commitment placing state level completion at risk.</p> <p>As such, there is a need for WAMBA to take overarching responsibility for coordinating the state series and state championships whilst working with clubs and other stakeholders to deliver events. A coordinated approach to state level competition will ensure greater consistency between events and a more marketable product’.</p> <p>Suggest including recommendation actions on marketing and securing sponsorship for the series and championships and providing administrative, financial, promotional and other support to clubs, groups and event organisers as appropriate to facilitate and deliver events.</p>	<p>Revise Pg16 as proposed.</p> <p>Include recommendation actions in the implementation plan as proposed.</p>	Yes
#17	Finally I recognises the importance of WAMBA and would like to see primary consideration given to WAMBA being the overarching organisation to sustainable mountain biking governance in WA.	12, 13	Noted. The Strategy identifies and provides for WAMBA as the state representative body for mountain biking.	No action.	N/A
#18	Governance - The report states that WAMBA should share services with WestCycle, however it is not clear if this means that WAMBA will no longer be a volunteer organisation. The value of WAMBA and its volunteers should not be under estimated and so a shared service model needs to have a clear structure to allow WAMBA to function pretty much as it does	12, 13	Specific details on WAMBA’s constitution are beyond the scope of this Strategy. This will be addressed within the review of WAMBA’s constitution and strategic objectives (Recommendation 1.4.2)	No action.	N/A

	now. A step change to WAMBA is likely to result in a loss of volunteer support thus actually adding cost to the program.				
#18	Trail Classification - Stick with the IMBA system. If a new system is applied then this will be confusing for out of state / out of country participants. Having ridden in other countries the IMBA system is robust and whilst open to some subjectivity it is generally a good guide - after all the nature of any trail will be that there are hard bits and easy bits. Spending money and time on a new trail grading system adds no value.	23	Noted. The Strategy highlights the gaps of existing trail classification systems (IMBA). These gaps can cause inconsistencies across the state. A Western Australian-specific trail classification will fill the gaps and enable consistency. Colour coding and symbology will remain as existing.	No action.	N/A
#18	Maintenance - This section is not clear on what is proposed. If you want to maintain volunteer support of the trail networks then how will this be achieved. This is particularly important as the trail network grows where experienced trail builders will be spread ever more thinly. Accordingly I would suggest that some sort of training is available for volunteers to learn the skills of trail building such that as the network expands the volunteer maintenance network also grows.	23	Noted. Strategy 3.4 aims to build the Western Australian trails industry, including the capacity of volunteers.  Suggest adding recommendation actions under Strategy 3.4:  Support and facilitate the delivery of theoretical and practical sustainable trail development training to volunteer and salaried trail workers through conferences, forums, workshops and courses  Investigate options for developing a recognised Western Australian professional trail building qualification Investigate options for accrediting volunteer trail workers  Develop and maintain a register of qualified and accredited trail workers	Include recommendation actions in the implementation plan as proposed.	Yes
#20	Peel supports a clear delineation of WAMBA and Westcycle and would add that it is important that each organisation's jurisdiction is clearly defined and communicated.	12, 13	Noted. Service agreement between WestCycle and WAMBA (Recommendation 1.4.1) will define roles and responsibilities of each organisation.	No action.	N/A
#20	Over the years, most of the organized mountain biking activity has been led and delivered by WAMBA and its affiliated clubs. The strategy does a good job of defining WAMBA's role going forward, however it isn't	12, 13	Relationships between WAMBA and clubs, and opportunities to contribute to the delivery of the Strategy, will be addressed within the review of WAMBA's constitution and strategic objectives (Recommendation	Revise Pg22 as proposed.	Yes

	altogether clear what the role and remit of Clubs will be. The strategy doesn't exploit the opportunity to leverage the history, knowledge, skills and experience at Club level to help deliver it. It's not clear how clubs will be engaged in the governance model proposed. Is that solely through WAMBA? What's the avenue for clubs to lead the delivery of the strategy where it makes sense for them to do so? For example, how can Clubs be involved in the preparation of the regional master plans that apply to them?		1.4.2).  Agree that there should be specific mention of the importance of involvement and consultation (with stakeholders, clubs, community etc) during regional masterplanning. Suggest revise Pg 22:  'Regional masterplanning should involve extensive consultation and involvement with key stakeholders, including landowners, land managers, local government, Regional Development Commissions, tourism commissions, mountain bike clubs and groups, other recreational users, community and interest groups, and local businesses and services.'		
#20	How can we be confident that entering a more shared service arrangement (not just for mountain biking but across all cycling disciplines) will mean that there is a continued focus on the individual mountain biking disciplines (like downhill)?	13	The shared service arrangement relates to the operational relationship between WestCycle and WAMBA. Other recommendations focus on increasing the availability and accessibility of different styles of mountain bike trail – including downhill.	No action.	N/A
#20	We agree and support that Club's should diversify services and articulate benefits but it isn't clear what support would be available to club's to help them do this? Is the strategy to make funding or professional resources (eg research, marketing etc) available?	13	Noted. Suggest revise Pg13: 'There is a need to support clubs and groups to diversify services...'  Suggest include recommendation under Strategy 1.5: 'Support and facilitate the effective operation of clubs and groups'  Suggest accompanying recommendation action: 'Provide assistance to clubs and groups as appropriate to ensure their capacity to deliver their services, including administrative and advocacy functions'	Revise Pg13 as proposed.  Include recommendation and recommendation action in the implementation plan as proposed.	Yes
#20	Peel recognises that a code of conduct is an important document to be developed. However, Peel feels this is not high priority, but should be attended to at some stage.	16	Noted. Pleased that the importance of responsible and sustainable mountain biking is recognised. It is appropriate that the code is developed as part of the Western Australian Mountain Bike Management Guidelines.	No action.	N/A
#20	Our priority in reviewing the strategy is to ensure downhill mountain biking is adequately planned for.	20	The disparity between the proportion of riders who would like to ride downhill, and the amount of existing downhill	No action	N/A

	To that effect, there was no focus on the individual mountain biking disciplines in any of the specific participation strategies.		trails is identified in the gap analysis (pg20).  Recommendation 2.1.2 focuses on increasing the availability and accessibility of different styles of mountain biking trail. Regional masterplanning will identify and prioritise locations suitable for specific disciplines, including downhill and freeride.		
#20	Peel believes that the shared services model leads to a better outcome for all stakeholders. However there is significant amount of work to be done before this would become reality. For example, large structural changes would need to occur within WAMBA (and clubs) in order to enable a sustainably delivered state series program. Clubs have been able to demonstrate sustainably provided series in the recent past, and this can be expanded on. Clubs will need to be involved in developing the processes to ensure there is; fairness, clarity and consistency in roles and responsibilities, and a result that sees clubs able to continue their existence.	13, 16	Noted. The Strategy recommends organisational changes within WAMBA (Recommendation 1.4.2) to enable it to carry out its function as the representative body for mountain biking.  Suggest revising Pg16 to further acknowledge contribution of clubs/groups: ‘...organised by clubs. The significant and valuable contribution made by clubs and their volunteer workforce in successfully running state level competition is recognised and acknowledged. However, these clubs may not maintain the current level of commitment placing state level completion at risk.  As such, there is a need for WAMBA to take overarching responsibility for coordinating the state series and state championships whilst working with clubs and other stakeholders to deliver events. A coordinated approach to state level competition will ensure greater consistency between events and a more marketable product’.  Suggest including recommendation actions from Recommendation 2.3.2 on marketing and securing sponsorship for the series and championships and providing administrative, financial, promotional and other support to clubs, groups and event organisers as appropriate to facilitate and deliver events.	Revise Pg16 as proposed.  Include recommendation actions in the implementation plan as proposed.	Yes
#20	Running the state downhill series, whilst costly, has provided Peel with an income stream that has been re-invested into downhill mountain biking in WA. The club is keen to understand what the financial model		Noted. Suggest including a recommended action of recommendation 2.3.2 to develop a clear process (including financial arrangements) to deliver the state series and championships.	Include a recommendation action in the implementation plan as proposed.	Yes

	would be if WestCycle/WAMBA were to take overarching responsibility for the state downhill series. How can the club be confident that income generated from running the state series is re-invested in downhill mountain biking?				
#20	Peel supports the development of a high performance strategic plan, however, the Club believes WAMBA would be in a better position to manage high performance at a rider level because of their proximity to individual riders.	17	<p>Agree.</p> <p>Suggest revise Pg17:</p> <p>‘There is a need for WAMBA, with support from WestCycle, to take overarching responsibility for high performance mountain biking. Working closely with clubs and their volunteer workforce, this will ensure structured and consistent support in perpetuity ...’</p> <p>‘The role of WAMBA will also include coordinating the delivery ...’</p> <p>Suggest revise desired improvements ‘High performance support and coordinated’</p>	Revise Pg17 as proposed.	Yes
#20	Peel is keen to understand how Club’s can get involved in the development of the high performance plan, specifically where it relates to down hill mountain biking.	17	<p>Noted. Clubs and their volunteer workforce will have a key role in high performance, working closely with WAMBA. Suggest revise Pg17 as above.</p> <p>Suggest recommended actions of Strategy 2.5:</p> <p>‘Build shared ownership of the Western Australian Mountain Bike High Performance Plan amongst clubs and groups, riders and coaches’</p> <p>‘Establish a State Selection Panel of experienced organisational and club representatives to review call for nominations and select state teams and support staff when appropriate’</p>	<p>Revise Pg17 as proposed.</p> <p>Include recommendation actions in the implementation plan as proposed.</p>	Yes
#20	Peel supports a widened network of trained coaches. However, there is an opportunity to leverage grass roots development through Clubs that is not called out	17	<p>Agree.</p> <p>Suggest revise Pg17 as proposed: ‘Access to suitably</p>	<p>Revise Pg17 as proposed.</p> <p>Include a recommendation</p>	Yes

	in the Strategy. For example, any investment made into coaching could be done at a Club level to promote this.		qualified coaching is essential at every stage as riders progress and develop, from local grass-roots level to the international stage. There is...'  Suggest insert recommendation action of Recommendation 2.5.4 to encourage and support access of every club and group in Western Australia to qualified mountain bike-specific coaching	action in the implementation plan as proposed.	
#20	Peel agrees that there should be a responsibility to train and register volunteers. However Peel believes clubs are better positioned to recruit volunteers who are more likely to be attracted and retained at a club level than at a state level, because that is where volunteers identify.		Noted.	No action.	N/A
#20	Trails - Peel strongly supports one of the key intents of the document, which relates to trails matching rider's desires and progression. Peel believes there should be more downhill trails, shuttled ability, and of a technical nature within the Perth Peel region. Currently these facilities are very limited and riders are forced to travel large distances to ride at such locations. This provides a motivation for unsanctioned trail construction and riding. The first priority of the strategy should be to provide for under-represented trails by constructing more downhill and freeride trails close to the Perth metropolitan area.	20	Agree. Recommendation 3.1.2 provides for regional masterplanning to identify and prioritise locations for mountain bike facilities, including appropriate locations with terrain suitable for downhill and freeride trails.  Development of the Perth and Peel Mountain Bike Master Plan has commenced. Identifying appropriate locations with terrain suitable for downhill and freeride trails within to in close proximity to population centres will be a key part of the master plan.	No action	N/A
#20	It is important that the structured development process for new trails is clear, consistent and enables reasonable project timelines.	22	Agree. The Development Process sets a standardised methodology for trail planning, design, construction and management.	No action.	N/A
#20	Peel believes that increasing the variety of trail locations to rely less on government land is an important part of the strategy and that clubs and the riding community would benefit greatly from using private land. Peel has done this with some success in the past and currently utilises one private property each year for events. What is the proposed	22	Noted. The Strategy aims to increase public sector involvement. Existing relationships between clubs and private landowners are supported.  Suggest revising Pg22: '...single land tenure. Regional masterplanning should seek to identify and prioritise areas on a diversity of land tenures'	Revise Pg22 as proposed.	Yes

	engagement model with landowners for trail planning, design and maintenance? Will that be addressed by each regional master plan? For example, could Peel continue to retain it's beneficial relationship with the private landowners at Golden Grove?				
#20	How can Clubs be further involved in the master planning for a region? Would it be possible for instance, for Peel to co-author the Peel regional master plan?	22	<p>Noted. Agree that there should be specific mention of the importance of consultation (with stakeholders, clubs, community etc) during regional masterplanning. Suggest revise Pg 22:</p> <p>'Regional masterplanning should involve extensive consultation and involvement with key stakeholders, including landowners, land managers, local government, Regional Development Commissions, mountain bike clubs and groups, other recreational users, community and interest groups, and the tourism industry.'</p> <p>Suggest include recommendation action of Strategy 3.1 to ensure key stakeholders are involved in the development of regional mountain bike master plans through consultation and other involvement</p>	<p>Revise Pg22 as proposed.</p> <p>Include a recommendation action in the implementation plan as proposed.</p>	Yes
#20	Will it be the objective of the master planning in each region to address the issue of unwanted trail maintenance?	22	Not specifically. Developing a trail maintenance program for existing sanctioned trails and include as part of the trail development planning process for every new or revitalised trail (Recommendation 3.5.1)	No action.	N/A
#20	The strategy should look to capitalize further on the popularity of mountain biking in WA by actively promoting an open tender process for trail hub and trail centre developments. This would in turn drive competition in businesses wanting to operate these and see private investment in local mountain biking improving facilities and services	27	Noted. Recommendation 4.2.6 aims to investigate funding and sponsorship opportunities from the private sector – trail centre operation is what option that could be explored further.	No action.	N/A
#20	Building a local trail classification system seems at odd with the strategy to increase national and international level events.	23	Noted. The Strategy highlights the gaps of existing trail classification systems (IMBA). These gaps can cause inconsistencies across the state. A Western-Australian specific trail classification will fill the gaps and enable	No action.	N/A



			consistency. Colour coding and symbology will remain as existing.  This is separate from the aim to increase more national and international events.		
#20	Tourism & Marketing - Whilst the Strategy mentions a desire to attract international interest, there are limited specific strategies to show exactly how this could happen. • What is the plan to attract major international races? How does the tourism/marketing strategy need to evolve with regional master planning to ensure WA has the facilities to hold them? Refer to previous comments about the building of quality downhill and free ride trails. • What is the plan to seek international sponsorship for events?		Noted. Specific details will be set out in the Western Australian Mountain Bike Marketing Strategy (Recommendation 4.2.1).  Suggest revise Pg22: '...and accessible facilities could be developed, including locations capable of hosting events at state, national and international level'	Revise Pg22 as proposed.	Yes
#20	How does mountain biking currently feature in WA's tourism strategy? Understanding this and promoting mountain biking through WA's tourism network should be specific to this strategy.	25	Noted. Suggest revise Pg25: '...integrate with other relevant marketing at state, regional and local levels, including Tourism Western Australia's 'Experience Extraordinary' brand.  Suggest including recommended action under Strategy 4.2 on promoting mountain biking as part of Tourism Western Australia's 'Experience Extraordinary' tourism brand.	Revise Pg25 as proposed.  Include a recommendation action in the implementation plan as proposed.	Yes
#20	Resources - Peel supports the development of a sustainable funding model for mountain bike governance, particularly with regards to WAMBA. Peel sees WAMBA as having an important role in mountain biking in WA, with a high potential of taking the sport forward. As a result Peel requests that the sustainable model sees WAMBA provided for.	13, 27	Noted.  Suggest include recommendation action to ensure ongoing workforce and financial capacity within WAMBA to deliver its roles, responsibilities and obligations	Include a recommendation action in the implementation plan as proposed.	Yes
#20	Will the proposed funding model outline how the private sector will be targeted as a future source of funding for mountain biking?	27	Noted. Suggest revise Pg27: '...governance, development marketing. This should consider a diversity of potential resourcing streams, including state and federal funding, private sector and the mountain bike community'.	Revise Pg27 as proposed.	Yes
#21	The Department of Water notes that the strategy lists Operational policy 13 Recreation within public	11	Noted. It is intended that deproclaimed areas will be assessed during regional masterplanning. The Department	No action	N/A

	drinking water source areas on Crown land as a state level policy that impacts mountain biking. Section 2 describes the need for increased mountain bike events. Consistent with Operational policy 13 new mountain bike events need to occur outside of public drinking water source areas. More than ten public drinking water source areas have been deproclaimed to increase the areas available for this to occur.		of Water will be consulted during masterplanning.		
#21	This section of the strategy states; "there is a significant need to address informal riding as the creation and use of unsanctioned trails is unsustainable. It may: Conflict with other land uses such as public drinking water source areas.." The Department of Water appreciates this inclusion and the positive response the strategy has to understanding and dealing with unsanctioned trails.	20	Noted.	No action.	N/A
#21	The Department of Water has noted that the strategy identifies a high number of unsanctioned trails. It should be noted that Operational policy 13 only supports the use of existing and approved mountain bike trails within public drinking water source areas on Crown land. Future work to sanction these existing unsanctioned trails should occur outside public drinking water source areas.	19, 20	Noted.	No action.	N/A
#22	Page 11 in the second block of text - "This Strategy by . . ." Either drop the word "all" or swap the words around so it reads "This Strategy changes all that by . . ."	11	Agree. Suggest revise Pg11: 'This Strategy changes that by...'	Revise Pg11 as proposed.	Yes
#22	Page 14 - The second paragraph is too long a sentence without a comma. "Enabling even more people and communities to understand and enjoy the benefits of mountain, and fulfill their aspirations and potential, is dependent on addressing barriers and improving access to opportunities."	14	Agree.	Revise Pg14 as proposed.	Yes
#22	Page 15, in the second paragraph in first block of text,	15	Agree.	Revise Pg15 as proposed.	Yes

	a hyphen is needed here "Females are significantly underrepresented across all aspects - from riding and racing to coaching, . . . . . ."and a comma is needed here "There needs to be a culture shift to address the barriers that specifically inhabit females, and inspire . . ."				
#22	Page 19 - the pie diagrams need figures within them. Would be good to have location names next to the yellow dots within the map, as I'm unsure exactly where those unsanctioned trails are. Also, what does the grey highlighting signify for the map - regions of some type?	19	Steering Committee response required.  Noted. Steering Committee previously resolved not to include specific locations of sanction and unsanctioned trails, but rather group by region.  Steering Committee agreed that grey regions are unclear and place names are confusing. Steering Committee resolved to remove place names and instead label regions.  Suggest revising the title: 'Amount of singletrack trail used for mountain biking per Western Australian tourism region'	Remove place names and label tourism regions as proposed (Pg19).  Revise Pg19 map title.	Yes
#22	Page 21, in the second block of text - the words "applied to" are shown twice in this sentence ". . . but it is not fully defined or widely applied to . . ."	21	Agree.	Revise Pg 14 as proposed.	Yes
#23	Section 02, page 11, central Column PROPOSED CHANGE why: word "impact" has negative connotation. In reality these policies may complement / affect / influence / MTB strategies and planning. Other state level strategies, plans and policies relate to mountain biking.	11	Agree. Suggest revise Pg11 to 'affect'	Revise Pg11 as proposed.	Yes
#23	Section 02, page 14, graph Comment The table (and the text) could be more informative if it contained rates of changes in terms of participation. For example what is the rate of increase in MTB participation over the last 5 years? or last year? Has there been an increase in the rate of MTB purchases in the last 2 years? If data are available, this is the place where they should be listed.	14	Noted. No data is currently available on mountain bike participation level changes across the state – event participation figures used as an alternative.  Suggest an additional recommendation is added under Strategy 2.1 to measure/monitor participation/use levels and changes.	Add a recommendation to measure/monitor participation/use levels as proposed.	Yes
#23	Female riders. While it is true that 12% participation is	14,	Agree.	Revise Pg 4 and Pg15 as	Yes

	fairly low, it is in line with other cycling activities across the nation. I would suggest clarifying this point not to convey the impression that MTB is inherently unfriendly to gender diversification. BARRIERS TO PARTICIPATION PROPOSED CHANGE why: as written it conveys the idea that female and young riders under representation is phenomena solely associated with MTB. Number show that 12% participation of female in cycling activities is pretty much a standard across Australia (I can provide references if needed). I do not know the statistics for young riders, but I think they can be sourced readily Mountain biking in Western Australia, like seen in other cycling disciplines across the nation has a gender imbalance.	15	Suggest revising Pg4 and Pg15: 'While there is significant opportunity for growth in all areas mountain biking in Western Australia, like many sport and recreational activities, has a gender imbalance.'	proposed.	
#23	HEALTH BENEFITS General comment: I am not sure that a Health Impact Assessment is warranted. I would argue that health benefits from MTB are similar to those of road cycling.	15	Noted. Suggest revising Recommendation 2.1.1 to state that the Health Impact Assessment will build on existing research, including studies relating to road cycling if available.	Revise Recommendation 2.1.1 as proposed.	Yes
#23	BEHAVIOR PROPOSED CHANGE why: it is impossible to prevent negative impacts; impacts are never positive Minimise environmental impacts	15	Agree. Suggest revise Pg15 'minimise'.	Revise Pg15 as proposed.	Yes
#23	EVENTS PROPOSED CHANGE why: it does not read well Lack of appropriate trails It can also restricts event availability in some parts of the state, with riders having to travel considerable distance to take part in the event.	16	Agree, suggest revising Pg16 to: 'It can also limit access to events in parts of the state, with some riders having to travel considerable distance to take part'	Revise Pg16 as proposed.	Yes
#23	TRAILS FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROPOSED CHANGE - page 19 map why: wording links WestCycle and WAMBA to negative image; the word illegal has legal connotation, as in breaking the law. If one breaks the law it can be prosecuted and go to jail. If the MTB community is perceived as one that breaks the law routinely, then why will the State fund us, why would people support us? The use of the word "illegal" will just attach a negative legacy to MTB and it	19	Noted, suggest revising Pg19 to: 'Unsanctioned singletrack is made up of informal mountain bike trails and the use of other recreational facilities'	Revise map legend on Pg19 as proposed.	Yes

	will become a nightmare to deal with in the future. "Unsanctioned singletrack is made up of informally built mountain bike trail and the use of other designated recreation trails" or "Unsanctioned singletrack comprises mountain bike trail built without the appropriate authorizations and the use of other designated recreation trails"				
#23	Comment: the map could become more readable and informative if the actual km for sanctioned and informal MTB trails would be listed next to the bubble graph.	19	Steering Committee response required.  Steering Committee resolved not to include KM figures, but rather show through amounts diagrammatically.	No action.	N/A
#24	The unused railway network across WA is an excellent platform for less technical riding for family groups. Rail trails are also great tourist magnets in Victoria where they have been developed across the state's regions. More needed in WA. State Regional Development Commissions can play a crucial role in this as they have an economic and social role to play in their respective region. As do the regional council network - an aggregation of shires within regions or subregions.	18, 19	Noted. Location of Rail Trails are included on Pg18. Opportunities for additional Rail Trails, or similar, will be identified by regional masterplanning.	No action.	N/A
#26	I own a bike shop in Joondalup (Bike Force) and fully support this plan and what it will (hopefully) achieve.		Noted.	No action.	N/A
#26	The development of trails around Kalamunda is great but there is very little in the northern suburbs. I would like to see a drive to develop some trails in the Joondalup area. There are many informal users of the Yaberoo Budjara trail that runs from Burns Beach road to Hester Avenue (and beyond to Yanchep but the trail gets very sandy) but this trail is limited and becomes boring quickly. The bush area around the Yaberoo Budjara trail offers an opportunity to develop a trail network for mountain bikers that could allow Joondalup to become a hub for cyclists in the northern suburbs. I believe it would contribute to the economy of the area (attracting people from outside of the Joondalup city) and the well being of the population		Noted. Developing urban trails is a key part of the Strategy (Recommendation 2.1.4). Potential sites will be identified and prioritised by regional masterplanning.	Forward site suggestion to Perth and Peel Mountain Bike Master Plan consultant.	Yes

	by making mountain biking more accessible in the area.				
#27	Figure 4 is hard to understand...what is it's purpose? I'd have thought single track would be wanted in population centre based user services/facilities...as tracks close to where people live (in urban parks) are how new riders will be encouraged to take up the sport. How does this fit in with DSR's open space categories for urban parks?	22	Noted. This relates to a single/individual trail, not singletrack.	No action.	N/A
#27	Figure 5 is OK.	22	Noted	No action.	N/A
#27	The desired improvements for trails p23 should emphasise the need to get the trail right at the beginning to avoid long term maintenance...the point is there but lost in jargon (I think it's the second last point).	23	Noted. Suggest revising Pg23 to 'Developing the right trails, in the right places, in the right way and for the right reasons through sustainable planning, design and construction will minimise long-term maintenance requirements as well as resourcing commitments.'	Revised Pg23 as proposed.	Yes
#27	How accurate/comprehensive was the survey of rides/demand? A fall back position to ensure demand is being met is to ensure a wide range of mountain bike riding opportunities are provided ie a range of trails in a range of location/situations. Subsequent monitoring will indicate which are the most popular. E.g. it may be that local pump tracks may prove very popular with the young, but as there aren't many (young riders or pump tracks) at present, they don't feature in the survey results??? It may also be that an off-road touring loop (2-3days) would prove very popular	23	Acknowledge that the survey data is limited.  Suggest an additional recommendation is added under Strategy 2.1 to measure/monitor participation/use levels and changes.	Include a recommendation as proposed.	Yes
#28	Again, I support the strategy outlined here. An integrated services model with West Cycle and WAMBA is sensible and ensures the longevity and relevance of WAMBA. The sustainable funding model articulated is very interesting and is an excellent proposal. I will be keen to learn how organisations beyond WAMBA [such as the Munda Biddi Trail Foundation] can leverage from this model.	13	Noted.  Suggest include recommendation under Strategy 1.5 to support and facilitate the effective operation of clubs and groups.  Suggest include recommendation action to provide assistance to clubs and groups as appropriate to ensure their capacity to deliver their services, including	Revise Pg13 as proposed.  Include a recommendation action in the implementation plan as proposed.	Yes

			administrative and advocacy functions.		
#28	I concur with the findings of the Gap Analysis (p.20) however I think the statistics are skewed by including the Munda Bididi Trail as Cross Country trails. Most XC riders would be unlikely to associate themselves with off-road cycle touring and view this as a separate category on its own. Excluding the Munda Bididi leads to the same, although even more urgent, conclusion that WA has a desperate shortage of single track relative to rider demand.	20	Munda Bididi Trail is categorised as off-road touring not cross country (refer graphs on Pg18).	No action.	N/A
#28	With reference to the Significance Hierarchy (p.21) how does it apply to the Munda Bididi Trail? Is the Munda Bididi Trail deemed to be of national significance given the large number of overseas and interstate visitors it attracts? Is this hierarchy intended to be applied retrospectively to existing trails, or to new proposals only?	5, 21	<p>Steering Committee response required.</p> <p>Steering Committee agreed that the Munda Bididi Trail is of national significance. It was resolved that Figure 2 (Pg21 and Pg5) should be revised: 'A mountain bike facility for a large population centre and/or a tourism resource that caters for at least a week of unique riding opportunities'.</p> <p>Steering Committee agreed that Trail Model (Pg22) should be revised to include: 'Individual trails include long distance trails and unique trails that offer an iconic, and highly marketable, experience'.</p> <p>Significance hierarchy applies to existing, revitalised and new trails. Suggest revision to Pg21: 'This will enable it to be consistently applied in the ongoing management of existing trails and in the development of new and revitalised trails.'</p>	<p>Revise Figure 2 (Pg21 and Pg5) as proposed.</p> <p>Revise Pg22 as proposed.</p> <p>Revise Pg21 as proposed.</p>	Yes
#28	In future will a trail's significance mean it will attract/receive more/less government funding to support its ongoing maintenance? The Munda Bididi Trail fits spans the whole of south western Australia and crosses over many Local Government jurisdictions as well as DPaW public lands. Should/could all these bodies be asked to contribute towards funding its ongoing maintenance as beneficiaries of the trail passing through their authorities?	21	<p>It is likely that funding will initially be focused at nationally significant and high priority locations. The Strategy does not preclude development in other locations though.</p> <p>Yes, potentially. This will be covered by regionally masterplanning.</p>	No action.	N/A

#28	I fully support the idea of a Western Australia trails industry however this seems ambitious. How will occur and can it become a sustainable profitable industry?	23	Noted. Recommendation actions will include a preference for Western Australian-based service providers plus opportunities for paid volunteer and salaried trail workers to upskill.	Include recommendation actions as proposed.	yes
#28	Fully concur with the Tourism benefits outlined on p.25. It is important not to dwell upon what WA doesn't have (e.g. mountains) and focus upon the unique features you touch upon in the Strategy document (e.g. wildflowers, iconic Karri forests etc.). This uniqueness strategy is very clever and has been extremely effective for places such as Moab, Utah.	25	Noted.	No action.	N/A
#28	Recognition of reduced government capability to fund and resource trails is important and recommendations to diversify income streams are key to sustainability (p.27).	27	Noted.	No action.	N/A
#30	P15. Agree with the barriers identified, but greater emphasis needs to be placed on the lack of access to beginners/low intermediate single track to provide a "learning pathway". This is particularly important to attract more female and junior riders.	15	Noted. Suggest revising Pg15: 'Limited availability and accessibility of different styles of trail offering different levels of technical difficulty, including trails for beginners/less skilled riders'	Revise Pg15 as proposed	Yes
#30	The requirement for long distance private transport is a major barrier, particularly for aspiring juniors. We need more urban trails, preferably within easy riding distance of train stations, so they can be readily accessed without a car.	15	Agree.	No action.	N/A
#30	P19 should be clarified that the "dots" represent the amount of trails in the relevant region, and do not represent locations.	19	Agree. Revise map title P19: 'Amount of singletrack trail used for mountain biking per region'	Revise Pg19 map title as proposed.	Yes
#30	P22 Trail model section requires further clarification	22	Noted. Suggest include an additional recommendation to apply a trail model to all mountain bike facilities during trail planning, design, construction and maintenance.  Trail models are considered further in the Western Australian Mountain Bike Management Guidelines, and regional masterplanning.	Include a recommendation as proposed.	Yes
#30	P22 Development process: Uncertainty about land	22	The Development Process sets a standardised methodology	No action.	N/A



	tenure/management responsibilities (particularly on UCL) can frustrate legitimate trail development. Westcycle should establish a process to facilitate approvals.		for trail planning, design, construction and management. Stage 1: Trail Proposal and Stage 2: Framework promote discussions between stakeholders (clubs/groups and landowners/managers), including issues relating to, trail owners/operators.		
#30	P25 Tourism: A lot more than marketing is required. Much better access and facilities are needed. For example, it is extremely difficult to ride the Mundabiddi as a visitor (and even as a local), with no or limited public transport, or even regular commercial transfer services. Product needs to be developed before it is marketed. Quality bike hire, transport, accommodation, packages, etc. Marketing not supported by the product will be detrimental to tourism.	25	Steering Committee response required.  The Steering Committee agreed that premature active marketing could be detrimental long-term. It was agreed that marketing depends on the area and its capacity. When something is marketable, then marketing should commence. Over-marketing should be avoided.  The Steering Committee resolved that Pg7 and Pg25 should be revised to ensure that active marketing is undertaken when appropriate. The marketing strategy (Recommendation 4.2.1) should set out when marketing should commence.	Revise Pg 7 and Pg25 as proposed.	Yes
#32	02 Planning • Figure 1, under “Local” column, should include clubs and associations.	11	Disagree. Relates to planning documents.	No action.	N/A
#32	Last paragraph page 11 mentions “ limited number of plans that recognise and support mountain biking at regional level”. Which ones are these? Have they been successful? If not why not? What happens to them now? Probably needs expanding if going to mention.	11	Outwith the scope of the Strategy.	No action.	N/A
#32	Last paragraph page 11, then goes on and briefly mentions Regional Masterplans and Local trail planning. This needs a separate heading and important to spell/flesh out. I.e. is that per trail or trail model area etc? When these occur, roughly/briefly identify stages within them etc.	11	Disagree. Regional masterplanning and local trail planning is defined further in the ‘Trail, Facilities and Infrastructure’ section.	No action.	N/A
#32	Governance First chapter page 13, should include sentence stating something about “WAMBA needing to evolve to face the current issues and be assisted to grow, to take on new and future challenges”.	13	Agree, insert Pg13: ‘As the representative body for mountain biking in Western Australia, there is a need for WAMBA to evolve to face current issues and be assisted to develop to take on new and future challenges.’	Revise Pg 13 as proposed.	Yes
#32	Health Benefits Needs to talk more about mental	15	Agree. Suggest revise Pg15 to:	Revise Pg15 as proposed.	Yes

<p>health benefits. This is about to (if not already) become as big and important as physical health. Behaviour</p>		<p>‘Through increased and diversified participation, there is significant potential for mountain biking to help to address many of Western Australia’s physical and mental health issues.’ ...</p> <p>‘The importance of regular exercise is well-established and is recognised as protective against diseases such as cancer, diabetes, heart disease, stroke and joint and bone disease, and also beneficial in preventing and treating obesity<sup>9,10</sup>.</p> <p>Riding can also promote good mental health by boosting emotional wellbeing, mood concentration and alertness and enhancing vitality. Regular exercisers have lower rates of mental illness and reduced risk of developing mental disorders.<sup>11</sup> Exercise has also be shown to effectively treat depression.<sup>12</sup> In addition, overcoming physical and technical challenges whilst mountain biking can increase confidence and boost self-esteem<sup>13</sup>, ...</p> <p>Suggest revise Desired Improvements Pg17: ‘A Health Impact Assessment focused on the physical and mental health benefits of mountain biking’</p>	<p>Revised Pg17 as proposed.</p>	
		<p>Agree.</p> <p>Suggest revising Pg8 and Pg9: ‘Mountain biking can yield significant physical and mental health benefits.</p> <p>Exercising in natural settings is widely acknowledged as the healthiest form of physical activity with regular exercise recognised as protective against diseases such as cancer, diabetes, heart disease, stroke and joint and bone disease, and also beneficial in preventing and treating obesity<sup>9,10</sup>.</p> <p>Riding can also promote good mental health by boosting emotional wellbeing, mood concentration and alertness and enhancing vitality. Regular exercisers have lower rates</p>	<p>Revise Pg8 and Pg9 as proposed.</p> <p>Reorder references and insert new.</p>	<p>Yes</p>

			<p>of mental illness and reduced risk of developing mental disorders.<sup>11</sup> Exercise has also be shown to effectively treat depression.<sup>12</sup> In addition, overcoming physical and technical challenges whilst mountain biking can increase confidence and boost self-esteem<sup>13</sup>.</p> <p>Reorder references and insert new (12)</p> <p>Ten Have, M., de Graaf R. and Monshouwer, K. (2011, November). Physical exercise in adults and mental health status findings from the Netherlands mental health survey and incidence study (NEMESIS). Journal of Psychosomatic Research, 71(5), 342-8. Available at: <a href="http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/21999978">http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/21999978</a></p>		
#32	Needs more details on education of land managers about environmental impact of MTB trails and users. (research needed)	22	Actions of Recommendation 3.3.1 include promoting and communicating sustainable trail planning, design, construction and management to landowners, land managers and the mountain bike community.	No action.	N/A
#32	Greater stress needed in the text on trail advocacy as it is referenced in the recommendations at the end of the document ( part 04)	11	Agree, suggest revise Pg11: 'There is a need to advocate state, regional and local policymakers to recognise and support mountain biking in strategy, plan and policy development and address the gaps in the planning hierarchy (Figure 1).'	Revise Pg11 as proposed.	Yes
#32	Unsustainable Mountain Biking • Second paragraph states "use of unsanctioned trails is unsustainable". More is needed and should include: o No uniform trail grade/standard is be applied. o Although in some cases well used, maintenance (particularly high quality) cannot be undertaken on them.	20	Disagree.	No action.	N/A
#32	The next section "Statewide network" should be incorporated into the "Unsustainable mountain biking heading, as it is really discussing the same issue. This section should state that these trails have normally appeared and importantly stayed in use for a reason, maybe high quality and /or in a suitable location. As such should add the following to end of second	20, 21	<p>Agree in part. Transfer first paragraph of 'Statewide Network' to 'Unsustainable Mountain Biking'.</p> <p>Suggest include on Pg20: '...unmet preferences. For example, unsanctioned trails may be used for mountain biking because they offer a particular type of riding experience or are in a location where riders want to be'.</p>	Revise Pg20 and Pg21 as proposed.	Yes

	paragraph on page 21” and if acceptable be considered for upgrading and sanctioning”		Suggest include on Pg 21: ‘evaluated for their suitability for upgrading and sanctioning’		
#32	I highlight later (part 4, recommendations) that a piece of research should be undertaken as to ascertain the true impact of MTB riding in environmentally sensitive areas (Water Catchment, Disease Risk Areas etc). This needs to be done at a state level by recognised professionals with the consent/buy in of DOW, DPaW etc. This may be worth mentioning here to allow for some continuity.	22	Agree. Suggest revise Pg22 ‘Understanding the local environmental, social and cultural effects of mountain biking...’.  Suggest add last paragraph ‘In particular, research should investigate the effects of mountain biking in environmentally sensitive areas, such as public drinking water source areas and disease risk areas.’	Revise Pg22 as proposed.	Yes
#32	Significant Hierarchy • Fifth Paragraph page 21 states “ little consideration of the target market”. This is a sweeping comment and I think in several cases could be considered wrong and in fact could be seen as demeaning. ie Camelfarm now having Rock and Roll offering bike hire/Clinics etc, Margaret River developing bike hire and hub off of their own back.	21	Disagree. This relates to trails, not supporting infrastructure.	No action.	N/A
#32	Master Planning • Is it one word or two?		Noted: ‘master plan’ but ‘masterplanning’. Suggest update all incidences throughout Strategy.	Revise to ‘masterplanning’ as proposed.	Yes
#32	Section MUST be added about detailed area plans, although maybe repetitive from planning section above it needs to be included to stress the importance of them in actually delivering the trails. Reference to them will assist in funding opportunities to assist with them.	22, 23	Agree. Suggest combining ‘Development Process’ and ‘General Principles’ and renaming ‘Local Trail Planning’.  Suggest revise first paragraph Pg22: ‘Local trail planning should be undertaken to guide and facilitate the delivery of mountain bike facilities at locations identified by regional masterplanning. There is currently no statewide local trail planning process in place to guide trails from conception to implementation...’	Revise Pg22 and Pg23 as proposed.	Yes
#32	Development Process • This needs to be clear defined, is this discussing individual trails (within a model) or an actual trail model itself? If it is the latter this detail needs to be included within this document.	22, 23	Noted. Suggest revise Pg22 to: ‘There is a need to establish a staged development process to be recommended to all landowners, land managers and stakeholders. This development process will provide a standardised methodology to guide local trail development across different land tenures and environments. It will be similar to the standard processes used in other infrastructure and	Revise Pg22 as proposed.	Yes

			development industry projects. Applying the development process will ensure that the right trails are developed in the right places, in the right way and for the right reasons’.		
#32	Maintenance • Last paragraph discusses “maintenance plans”. What are these (an audit?), who does them, how often and funds them? Again is this per individual trail or per trail model? Might seem like a lot of detail for a state strategy, but really needs to be developed a little further so at least some clearer objectives/principles can be included.	23	Disagree. The Strategy establishes the principle of developing maintenance programs. The maintenance requirements of each trail will be different – these will be set out as part of Stage 2: Framework of the development process (as part of the Western Australian Mountain Bike Management Guidelines’	No action.	N/A
#32	Tourism • Was part of this section written by some else? Sentences like” Western Australia is home to some extraordinary tourism experiences, let’s make mountain biking one of them” is out of place with the rest of the document. As is “Western Australia has everything a mountain biker could want “. Errr proper DH trails, world class trails?	25	Noted.  Suggest delete: ‘Western Australia is home...’  Suggest delete: ‘Western Australia has everything a mountain biker could want’	Revise Pg25 as proposed.	Yes
#32	This section tends to focus on events tourism, which is only a small part. Eg Rotorua, which has (until next year) had little in the way of events but has a year round tourism market, and in fact people travel outside of events to get quieter trails and “experience the outdoors” (remember one of the top three reasons why people ride earlier?)	25	Agree.  Suggest significant revisions to tourism section based on Tourism WA and other comments.	Revise Pg25 as proposed.	Yes
#32	This section FAILS TO STRESS THE IMPORTANCE OF WORLD CLASS TRAILS. Rotorua is popular yes in part to the bike friendly accommodation, closeness of the trails to town, bike hubs, but it is the quality of the trail network that sell it and ultimately why people go there. • Don’t try to over sell a poor product. This does long term damage that is hard to undo. An example of this is Carters of the Moon in Taupo, NZ. They are heavily marketed as a complete riding experience and is in fact an IMBA silver level trail centre (Mt Buller is Bronze). After spending a couple of hours riding mundane trails of	25	Steering Committee response required.  The Steering Committee agreed that premature active marketing could be detrimental long-term. It was agreed that marketing depends on the area and its capacity. When something is marketable, then marketing should commence. Over-marketing should be avoided.  The Steering Committee resolved that Pg7 and Pg25 should be revised to ensure that active marketing is undertaken when appropriate. The marketing strategy (Recommendation 4.2.1) should set out when marketing	Revise Pg 7 and Pg25 as proposed.	Yes

	roughly all the same standard, no trail centre/café and paying for the experience, I have since advised everyone I've met (including now you) that its simply not worth visiting and I wouldn't go back. Unfortunately it would appear that the Munda Bididi may have fallen into this same trap. In contrast I've been to Roturua twice for 10 days in the last 12 months, and fully recommend it to everyone (including you)...		should commence.		
#32	Resourcing • First paragraph of “resourcing streams” section should also include local clubs and associations as a partner that MTB has been provided through. •	27	Noted. Clubs and groups already identified as a partner. Suggest expand out to separate list entry for WestCycle, WAMBA, Mountain bike clubs and groups	Revise Pg27 as proposed.	Yes
#32	This section MUST include a section and discussion on the true economic cost of providing trails on the ground. This is not only the actual construction but the detailed planning (alignments/design) and the environment assessments. It should include indicative costs per metre and then reflect this up to the trail models of Local, Regional and National etc. It should also stress (again) that currently there is little in the way of funding for ongoing maintenance.	27	Disagree. Costs will likely vary during the lifespan of this Strategy.  The limited availability of resources for maintenance is set out on Pg23.	No action.	N/A
#32	Generally this section is pretty long and would be better broken up somehow into more manageable chunks		Noted.	No action.	N/A
#34	Totally agree		Noted.	No action.	N/A
#35	Thank you for providing Tourism Western Australia (Tourism WA) with the opportunity to comment on the draft Western Australian Mountain Bike Strategy (the strategy). Tourism WA supports its development and considers this an important initiative in providing a framework that establishes objectives and recommendations for the growth of this activity in Western Australia.		Noted.	No action.	N/A
#35	a) Role of Tourism WA As the State Government agency responsible for promoting Western Australia as an attractive holiday,	11, 16, 25	Agree.  Suggest include State Government Strategy for Tourism in	Revise Pg11, Pg16 and Pg25 as proposed.	Yes

<p>event, convention and incentive travel destination, nationally and overseas, Tourism WA enhances the tourism industry, infrastructure and product base. This achieved by focusing on three key operational areas which aim to increase visitor numbers and the tourism industry's contribution to the State economy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Marketing the State as a competitive tourism destination</li> <li>- Developing, attracting and marketing major events</li> <li>- Supporting significant tourism infrastructure and development projects.</li> </ul> <p>Implementation of these is facilitated through the State Government Strategy for Tourism in Western Australia 2020 and it is pleasing to note that the strategy contains elements that support these. This includes in particular, highlighting events sponsored by Tourism WA, such as the Cape to Cape and Albany Urban Downhill as significant contributors to the State's mountain biking offering. This is important as a growing contribution to the event calendar in Western Australia is being made by adventure/challenge sports (triathlons, mountain biking, off-road adventure races etc) with approximately 20% of events falling broadly into this category in 2014. This is consistent with worldwide trends over the past 20 years where there has been an emergence of new sporting forms that have presented alternatives and potential challenges to conventional sports. In this context, it is suggested that this should also include examples such as the Augusta Adventure Fest where mountain biking is a component of a multi sport event. This would provide a more comprehensive demonstration of the growth in mountain biking and its potential from an events perspective in Western Australia.</p>	<p>Western Australia 2020 in list of state strategies on Pg11.</p> <p>Suggest revise Pg16 to: 'Increasing numbers of people are taking part in competitive mountain biking events and events which include a component of mountain biking such as multisport adventure races and off-road triathlons. Organisers have...'</p> <p>Suggest revise Pg25 to include multisport events alongside Cape to Cape and Albany Urban Downhill.</p> <p>Suggest revise Recommendation 2.3.1 to 'Coordinate and timetable mountain bike events, including multisport events with a mountain bike component'</p>	<p>Revise Recommendation 2.3.1 as proposed.</p>
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#35	<p>b) Relationship of mountain biking to other tourism and recreation activities</p> <p>It is also highlighted that multi sports and the relationship of mountain biking to other activities such as kayaking, rock climbing etc are an integral element of tourism and associated marketing of the international destinations identified on page 24. While this is acknowledged in a dot point on page 25, and as a strategy on page 34, further discussion on this matter should be included in this section to emphasise this, and the opportunities available.</p> <p>This is particularly prevalent to the hotspots identified on page 19 but also in potentially supporting opportunities in other locations. As examples, localities such as Pemberton, Collie and Margaret River provide access to a range of outdoor adventure activities. Inclusion of a broad discussion on this matter would provide a more comprehensive understanding of how mountain biking relates to the recreation and tourism characteristics of these locations and strengthen the associated strategies and recommendations.</p>	25	<p>Agree. Suggest revise Pg25 to emphasise the relationships and opportunities between mountain biking and other outdoor adventure activities.</p> <p>Suggest revise Desired Improvements Pg25 to include for relationships with other outdoor activities.</p> <p>Suggest revising recommendations under Strategy 4.2 and recommendation actions to include for relationships with other outdoor activities.</p>	<p>Revise Pg25 as proposed.</p> <p>Revise recommendation and include recommendation actions in the implementation plan as proposed.</p>	Yes
#35	<p>c) Masterplanning Process and Recommendations</p> <p>This information should also inform the masterplanning processes identified on page 22. From a tourism perspective it is important that these consider not only trails but also for example, associated infrastructure requirements, the relationship to surrounding development including accommodation and access, and other tourism and recreation activities and opportunities.</p> <p>In this context, it is suggested that the words 'tourism' and 'accommodation' should be added to Recommendation 4.2.3 on page 34. This is important as this objective refers to 'Raising the Recreational and Tourism Profile of Western Australian Mountain Biking'. Tourism WA considers that mountain biking</p>	22	<p>Agree. Suggest revise Pg22 to: '...hosting state, national and international events. Masterplanning should also consider associated infrastructure requirements, including toilets, access, food and drink and accommodation, and relationships with complementary services such as other recreational and tourism activities.'</p> <p>Suggest revise Recommendation 4.2.3 to: 'Integrate mountain biking with other recreational and tourism infrastructure, accommodation, services, and activities'</p>	<p>Revise Pg22 as proposed.</p> <p>Revise recommendation as proposed.</p>	Yes



	adds value as an activity that complements other elements of tourism, particularly in regional areas and that accommodation is significant in enabling visitation and access. Accordingly, this recommendation could be reworded as follows: 'Integrate mountain biking with other recreational accommodation, infrastructure and services'.				
#35	d) Significance of the Munda Bididi Trail It is also suggested that the tourism section of the strategy should include greater discussion on the significance of the Munda Bididi Trail and associated infrastructure. This is the major mountain biking trail in Western Australia, which due to its length and location provides opportunities for single and multi day rides as a unique tourism experience. As a multi day ride, this also provides flow on impacts to the visitor economy of communities along the trail and marketing and development of infrastructure should be an integral part of the strategy.	25	Agree. Suggest revise Pg25 to discuss the significance of the Munda Bididi Trail.  Suggest include recommendation on marketing Munda Bididi Trail.	Revise Pg25 as proposed.  Include recommendation as proposed.	Yes
#35	e) Trail Hierarchy Definition Tourism WA supports the need to consider the parameters associated with the significance hierarchy as stated on page 21. For example, it is unclear why trails of national and regional significance do not or cannot include day trips. This definition is limiting, and if a day trip is spectacular or accessible to attract users and visitors from across Australia then it should be considered to have national or regional significance.	21	Steering Committee response required.  Steering Committee resolved that Figure 2 (Pg21 and Pg5) should be revised: 'A mountain bike facility for a large population centre and/or a tourism resource that caters for at least a week of unique riding opportunities'.	Revise Figure 2 (Pg21 and Pg5) as proposed.	Yes
#35	f) Consultation As the majority of existing mountain bike trails in Western Australia are located in either the Experience Perth or Australia's South West tourism regions it is suggested that it would be appropriate to undertake consultation with these respective parties. Contact details for the relevant people are provided as follows: Jasmine Meagher		Noted. Extensive consultation with regional tourism commissions will take place during regional masterplanning.  Suggest revise Pg22: 'Regional masterplanning should involve extensive consultation and involvement with key stakeholders, including landowners, land managers, local government, Regional Development Commissions, tourism commissions, mountain bike clubs and groups, other	Revise Pg22 as proposed.  Include recommendation action in implementation plan as proposed.	Yes

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#35	Thank you for providing the opportunity to comment on the draft strategy. It is noted that it is intended to form a Steering Committee to oversee its implementation and that Tourism WA is a suggested member. Tourism WA supports the development of the strategy and the formation of a Steering Committee but considers that it would be more appropriate that its involvement be provided on an as needs basis rather than as part of the day to day implementation.	4, 12	Steering Committee response required.  Steering Committee resolved to remove Tourism WA and revise Pg4 and Pg12 to: 'WestCycle, WAMBA, state government departments and agencies, and local government through Western Australia Local Government Association (WALGA).'	Revise Pg4 and Pg12 as proposed.	Yes
<b>SECTION 03: VISION</b>					
#11	Agree with these points		Noted	No action.	N/A
#24	There may be room for the vision to include MB touring as well as MT highly technical riding. The images within the document seem to favour the latter rather than the former.		Noted.  Noted. The Strategy's vision includes for all types of mountain biking.  Suggest insert image(s) of off-road touring.	Obtain touring images from Munda Biddi Trail Foundation. Insert as proposed.	Yes
#28	I think the vision is very good. Key words that should be kept in any future revisions are: sustainable, recreation, tourism, delivering opportunities and benefits. However in my view no changes are needed to the Vision.	29	Noted.	No action.	N/A
#29	I do applaud the 5 key objectives, with the strategies and recommendations, however there is one all encompassing element not stated, and that is the sport remains cost effective and accessible to all. The costs to administer the sport at a high level must be based on a broad range of funding including state and	29	Noted. The Strategy proposes the development of a long-term funding model, but suggest revise Pg27: '...governance, development marketing. This should consider a diversity of potential resourcing streams, including state and federal funding, private sector and the mountain bike community'.	Revise Pg27 as proposed.	Yes

	local government grants, and corporate sponsorship, with a minimal contribution from users. If the club membership and association fees become too large, this will drive mountain bike riders further away from clubs and the peak body.				
#32	Maybe this should be towards the front of the document as it gets lost towards the back.		Disagree. Vision is at the front of the Executive Summary (Pg3).	No action.	N/A
#32	I'd like to see the words "High quality" or "world class" in objective number 3.	29,	Agree, suggest changing Objective 3 (Pg29) to: 'Develop a statewide of high quality and sustainable trails, facilities and associated infrastructure'	Revise Pg29 as proposed.	Yes
#34	Totally agree		Noted.	No action.	N/A
<b>SECTION 04: STRATEGIES AND RECOMMENDATIONS</b>					
#5	Would like to add 1.5.4 "Provide resources to help manage club administration and land manager interaction to free volunteers to build, maintain and ride trails."	31	Noted. Suggest revised Recommendation 1.5.1: 'Support and facilitate the effective operation of clubs and groups' with actions to include provide assistance to clubs and groups as appropriate to ensure their capacity to deliver their services, including administrative and advocacy functions	Revise recommendation as proposed.	Yes
#5	Totally disagree with 2.5 "High Performance" this is not where 99.99% of mountain bikers are. Do not focus on the 0.01%.	32	Disagree. The Strategy considers high performance as part of Western Australian mountain biking	No action.	N/A
#5	Totally disagree with 3.1.2 the Perth centric "roll-out". We have a higher percentage of volunteers and members than Perth. If there is not equity and focus where the population is keen we will reject the entire strategy.	32	Disagree. The Strategy aims for mountain bike masterplanning to be undertaken in every region in Western Australia. Developing master plans for Perth Metropolitan, Peel and South West regions is based on existing stakeholder support for masterplanning and existing resourcing.  Suggest specific recommendation actions for ensuring full masterplan coverage, including advocating the need for regional mountain bike master plans where appropriate and sourcing resourcing and developing mountain bike master plans for other regions.	Include recommendation actions in the implementation plan as proposed.	Yes
#5	3.4.1 need also to include dealing with Traditional	32	Noted. Strategy 3.4 is not best positioned for this. Instead,	Include a recommendation in the	Yes

	Owners, the biggest restriction to track development in the East Kimberley.		suggest Strategy 4.1 includes a recommendation for advocating the economic, tourism, environmental, health, social and community benefits and value of mountain biking to aboriginal people.  The Western Australian Mountain Bike Management Guidelines also detail processes for aboriginal heritage and Native Title.	implementation plan as proposed.	
#7	On the right track. Dont forget to actually DO something in the end.		Noted. The implementation plan will guide the delivery of the Strategy.	No action.	N/A
#11	2.1.1 - Do we really need a study on the benefits of exercise I think we already know that!	32	Noted. Health Impact Assessment will specifically focus on the physical and mental health benefits of mountain biking. Suggest revising Recommendation 2.1.1 to state that it will build on existing research, including studies relating to road cycling if available.	Revise Recommendation 2.1.1 as proposed.	Yes
#11	2.1.2. Agree	32	Noted.	No action.	N/A
#11	2.1.3 Why do we need a specific WA one? There's already a good one used internationally - green, blue, black, black diamond - why waste time and resources reinventing the wheel?	32	Noted. The Strategy highlights the gaps of existing trail classification systems (IMBA). These gaps can cause inconsistencies across the state. A Western-Australian specific trail classification will fill the gaps and enable consistency. Colour coding and symbology will remain as existing.	No action.	N/A
#11	2.1.4 Agree - need more tracks/skills parks in Northern suburbs	32	Noted. The Strategy recognises that trails within or in close proximity to population centres is limited, and the acute lack of urban trails in the Perth Metropolitan Region. Recommendation 2.1.4 provides for this. Recommendation 3.1.2 provides for regional masterplanning to identify and prioritise locations for mountain bike facilities.	No action.	N/A
#11	2.1.6 and 7 good idea	32	Noted	No action.	N/A
#11	2.2.1 as for 2.1.3 already good ones done around the world KEEP SINGLE TRACK SINGLE DON'T RIDE AROUND OBSTACLES AND MAKE A NEW TRAIL!		Noted. The Strategy highlights uncertainty, limited awareness and gaps in existing codes of conduct. Development and promotion of a Western-Australian specific code will fill the gaps and enable consistency.	No action.	N/A
#11	Agree with high performance funding/coach opportunities	32	Noted.	No action.	N/A
#15	I notice that whilst the Mountain bike strategy	25	Steering Committee response required.	Revise Pg14 and Pg16 as	Yes

	<p>mentions tourism, it does not mention or identify the essential training and registration of outdoor guides to lead tours? This has been something lacking in WA, but there is a clear system in place that could be accessed if properly resourced as part of this strategy. Mountain Bike Guiding is part of the National Outdoor Recreation training package <a href="http://training.gov.au/TrainingComponentFiles/SI/S10/SISS00071_R3.docm">http://training.gov.au/TrainingComponentFiles/SI/S10/SISS00071_R3.docm</a> and the National Outdoor Leader Registration Scheme. <a href="http://www.outdoorcouncil.asn.au/nolrs_intro_59.html#.VBuskvmSySo">http://www.outdoorcouncil.asn.au/nolrs_intro_59.html#.VBuskvmSySo</a> Also it is linked to the WA Adventure Activity Standards for Mountain Biking. <a href="http://www.outdoorswa.org/page.php?id=7">http://www.outdoorswa.org/page.php?id=7</a> What is the most appropriate spot to put this in the strategy as integration will provide the maximum benefit for the development and qualification of mountain biking guides. I am quite happy to discuss this further.</p>		<p>Steering Committee resolved that training and registration of outdoor guides should be included within the Participation section: 'Limited training or registration of mountain bike guides' (Pg15)</p> <p>Insert a Desired Improvement Pg17: 'Improved training for mountain bike guides and a register of qualified guides'</p> <p>Suggest a recommendation of Strategy 2.1 is to: 'Support and facilitate training and registration of mountain bike guides'.</p>	<p>proposed.</p> <p>Include a recommendation in the implementation plan as proposed.</p>	
#16	<p>A lot of focus on increasing participation and our sanctioned trails are already over used. Some constructive discussion needs to be held about converting unsanctioned trails to official mtb trails.</p>	21	<p>Noted. Suggest Pg 21 re the statewide network is revised: 'This network should include existing, revitalised and new trails, with existing sanctioned trails evaluated for their suitability for upgrading and sanctioning'</p>	<p>Revised Pg21 as proposed.</p>	Yes
#16	<p>New trails need to provide a mixture of difficulty levels for the experienced mtb riders.</p>	20	<p>Agree. Recommendation 2.1.2 provides for this.</p>	<p>No action.</p>	N/A
#17	<p>Clear delineation of WAMBA and Westcycle with immediate effect to determine what their responsibilities are. I support this, but would add that each organisations jurisdiction should be more clearly defined.</p>	12, 13	<p>Noted. Suggest a recommendation action of Strategy 1.4 is to develop a Memorandum of Understanding between WestCycle and WAMBA to set out the roles and responsibilities of both parties</p>	<p>Include a recommendation action in the implementation plan as proposed.</p>	Yes
#17	<p>Diversify services and articulate benefits to cyclists for joining clubs. I support this in alignment with the above point. That being that these need to be more clearly outlined.</p>	13	<p>Noted. Suggest revise Pg13: 'There is a need to support clubs and groups to diversify services...'</p> <p>Suggest include recommendation under Strategy 1.5: 'Support and facilitate the effective operation of clubs and</p>	<p>Revise Pg13 as proposed.</p> <p>Include recommendation and recommendation action in the implementation plan as</p>	Yes

			groups’  Suggest accompanying recommendation action: ‘Provide assistance to clubs and groups as appropriate to ensure their capacity to deliver their services, including administrative and advocacy functions’	proposed.	
#17	Code of conduct to be developed. I recognise a code of conduct is an important document to be developed for the region and in fact the state. At this stage due to other items listed in this strategy I feel this is not high priority.	16	Pleased that the importance of responsible and sustainable mountain biking is recognised. It is appropriate that the code is developed as part of the Western Australian Mountain Bike Management Guidelines.	No action.	Yes
#17	Westcycle and WAMBA to take overarching responsibility for the state series and state championships. I believe that the shared services model leads to a better outcome for all stakeholders. However there is significant amount of work to be done before this would become reality. Large structural changes would need to occur within WAMBA (and clubs) in order to enable a sustainably delivered program in the state. This would also have be a consideration in regard to diversifying and articulating benefits of club membership.	16	Agree. The Strategy recommends organisational changes within WAMBA (Recommendation 1.4.2).  Suggest a recommendation action of Strategy 2.3 to develop and implement a process to support and facilitate the delivery of state series and state championships annually for different mountain bike styles. Suggest including recommendation actions on marketing and securing sponsorship for the series and championships and providing administrative, financial, promotional and other support to clubs, groups and event organisers as appropriate to facilitate and deliver events.	Include a recommendation action in the implementation plan as proposed.	Yes
#17	Deliver train and organise volunteers for events delivery. An overall responsibility in volunteer training and registration makes sense however I believe clubs are better positioned to recruit their own volunteers who are more likely to be attracted and retained at a club level than at a state level as that's where volunteers identify.	16, 32	Noted.	No action.	N/A
#17	I strongly support one of the key intents of the document which relates to trails matching rider’s desires and progression. Peel believes there should be more downhill trails, shuttle ability, and of a technical nature within the Perth Peel region. Currently these facilities are very limited and riders	20	Agree. Recommendation 3.1.2 provides for regional masterplanning to identify and prioritise locations for mountain bike facilities, including appropriate locations with terrain suitable for downhill and freeride trails.  Development of the Perth and Peel Mountain Bike Master	No action.	N/A

	are forced to travel large distances to ride at such locations. This also provides a motivation for unsanctioned trail construction and riding. The first priority of the strategy should be providing for this differential and constructing more downhill and freeride trails close to the Perth metropolitan area.		Plan has commenced. Identifying appropriate locations with terrain suitable for downhill and freeride trails within to in close proximity to population centres will be a key part of the master plan.		
#17	Increased variety of trail location to rely less on government land only.	22	Agree. The Strategy supports the diversification of locations for trails and reduced reliance on public land.	No action.	N/A
#17	Structured development process for new trails These must be clear and consistent and enable reasonable project times. I support this in line with priority being the under-represented trails i.e. downhill.	22	Noted. The Trail Development Process (Recommendation 3.3.1) will set out a standardised methodology for trail planning, design and construction and ensure the development of high quality, sustainable trails, including downhill.	No action.	N/A
#28	I commend the authors on the thoroughness of this section. 1.4 (p.31) - I would be keen to learn how the relationship between WAMBA and organisations such as the Munda Biddi Trail Foundation would work as today there is no connection. Should there be in future (I would hope so)? I see an opportunity with th shared services model to expand beyond only WestCycle / WAMBA. One office could service many clubs and organisation with one team of paid office staff performing the common administrative services / office costs thus avoiding duplication. Examples include supporting and coordinating our respective memberships bases, publishing newsletters and communications, admin & telephone support/queries, internet presence, social media and website content management, volunteer management, maintenance programs etc, etc.	31	Noted.  Suggest recommendation under Strategy 1.5: 'Continue to build partnerships between all parties involved in mountain biking in Western Australia'  Suggest include recommendation action under Strategy 1.5: to provide assistance to clubs and groups as appropriate to ensure their capacity to deliver their services, including administrative and advocacy functions	Include recommendation and recommendation action in the implementation plan as proposed.	Yes
#28	1.5 - The importance of clubs, groups and organisation is recognised which is excellent. Further guidelines on how to grow and prosper would be very valuable and well received.	31	Noted.	No action.	N/A
#28	3.5 (p.33) - Fully support this important inclusion of trail maintenance. With respect to mechanisms for	33	Noted. DPaW will be involved in the delivery of Strategy 3.5.	No action.	N/A

	reporting trail hazards and recording action taken, lessons can be learned from the existing reporting, processes and systems used today by the Munda Biddi Trail Foundation which was developed in conjunction with DPAW. Leveraging these practices can prevent mistakes from the past being repeated in future proposals.				
#30	3.1.2 A concentration on the SW should not be at the expense of support for other areas such as Karratha where the local MTB community is developing a large network of trails. Volunteers such as these should be supported and assisted to have trails sanctioned. Help those who are prepared to help themselves, whether this be at Kalamunda or Karratha, Dunsborough or Esperance.	33	<p>Noted. The Strategy aims for mountain bike masterplanning to be undertaken in every region in Western Australia. Developing master plans for Perth Metropolitan, Peel and South West regions is based on existing stakeholder support for masterplanning and existing resourcing.</p> <p>Suggest including recommendation action for ensuring full masterplan coverage, including advocating the need for regional mountain bike master plans where appropriate and sourcing resourcing and developing mountain bike master plans for other regions.</p> <p>The Strategy aims to support and facilitate the effective operation of clubs and groups across the state.</p>	Include recommendation actions in the implementation plan as proposed.	Yes
#30	4 Further develop the product before you market it	25, 34	<p>Steering Committee response required.</p> <p>The Steering Committee agreed that premature active marketing could be detrimental long-term. It was agreed that marketing depends on the area and its capacity. When something is marketable, then marketing should commence. Over-marketing should be avoided.</p> <p>The Steering Committee resolved that Pg7 and Pg25 should be revised to ensure that active marketing is undertaken when appropriate. The marketing strategy (Recommendation 4.2.1) should set out when marketing should commence.</p>	Revise Pg 7 and Pg25 as proposed.	Yes
#32	1.4 – 1.4.6 should include the words “support clubs” also.	31	<p>Noted.</p> <p>Suggest include recommendation action under Strategy 1.5:</p>	Include a recommendation action in the implementation plan as proposed.	Yes



			to provide assistance to clubs and groups as appropriate to ensure their capacity to deliver their services, including administrative and advocacy functions.		
#32	2.1 – 2.1.1 should include “mental health”	32	Agree. Suggest revise Recommendation 2.1.1 to: ‘Undertake a Health Impact Assessment focused on the benefits of mountain biking to physical and mental health’	Revise Recommendation 2.1.1 as proposed.	Yes
#32	2.1 – 2.1.4 need to define “urban trails” in glossary	32, 37	Agree. Define urban trail in the glossary as: ‘A trail located within a built-up area’	Revise the glossary as proposed.	Yes
#32	2.2 – new 2.2.3 “To undertake an environmental impact assessment of Mountain bike trails and its users, (particularly in water catchment and National parks).”		Noted. Suggest revise Pg22 to: ‘...right way and for the right reasons.  The development process should include an impact evaluation to assess the effects of a proposed trail development, including on the environment, land use, management considerations, heritage and other recreation uses’	Revise Pg22 as proposed.	Yes
#32	3.1 – new 3.1.3 “ To facilitate and assist in the delivery of detailed area trail plans” •	33	Agree. Suggest insert new recommendation: ‘Undertake local trail planning to guide and facilitate the delivery of mountain bike facilities at locations identified by regional masterplanning,	Insert recommendation as proposed.	Yes
#32	3.2 – 3.2.1 should include the word “economic” also.	33	Agree. Suggest revise Recommendation 3.2.1 to: ‘Research and communicate the local environmental, social, cultural and economic effects of mountain biking’	Revise Recommendation 3.2.1 as proposed.	Yes
#32	3.2 – new 3.2.5 better place for “To undertake an environmental impact assessment of Mountain bike trails and its users, (particularly in water catchment and National parks).”?		Noted. Suggest revise Pg22 to: ‘...right way and for the right reasons.  The development process should include an impact evaluation to assess the effects of a proposed trail development, including on the environment, land use, management considerations, heritage and other recreation uses’	Revise Pg22 as proposed.	Yes
#32	3.3 – 3.3.3 better place for “To undertake an environmental impact assessment of Mountain bike trails and its users, (particularly in water catchment and National parks).”?		Noted. Suggest revise Pg22 to: ‘...right way and for the right reasons.  The development process should include an impact evaluation to assess the effects of a proposed trail	Revise Pg22 as proposed.	Yes

			development, including on the environment, land use, management considerations, heritage and other recreation uses'		
#32	3.5 – 3.5.1 should include detail as to whether individual trail or for trail model etc.	33	Disagree.	No action.	N/A
#32	4.2 – new 4.2.4 “ to facilitate and encourage the development of high quality and world class trails”	34	Disagree. Instead, suggest revise Pg25 to identify high quality trails as a reason for recreational tourism.	Revise Pg25 as proposed.	Yes
#32	5.2 – new 5.2.7 “ Investigate sponsorship and funding opportunities from the wider private sector.”	35	Agree in part. Suggest revising Recommendation 5.2.6 to: ‘Investigate funding and sponsorship opportunities from the private sector’  Suggest revising Pg27 to include reference to sponsorship.	Revise recommendation as proposed.  Revise Pg27 as proposed.	Yes
#34	A great starting point. This is really exciting		Noted.	No action	N/A
<b>ANY OTHER COMMENTS</b>					
#5	The East Kimberley has a 5km trail about to become "authorized".	19	Noted. Mapping (Pg19) drawn to current situation.	No action.	N/A
#9	In implementing this strategy, changing the difficulty of existing trails to suit the growing number of lower ability riders should be avoided. Existing technical trails should be left for experienced riders. New beginner/intermediate trails should be designed specifically from the ground up to suit these riders. This will prevent conflict, as has been experienced by KMBC in recent times.		Agree. The Strategy aims to increase opportunities for mountain biking at all levels, from beginner to advanced (Recommendation 2.1.2).	No action	N/A
#9	The strategy states 1% of trail is double black, with even the grading of much of that double black trail questionable. As an experienced rider, I find it difficult to find trails in WA that provide a challenge. When I have travelled to other locations to race, it is then difficult to keep up with riders who are used to riding challenging trails regularly. This leads to the creation of illegal trails to provide challenge.	18	Noted. The Strategy aims to reduce barriers to participation and increase opportunities for mountain biking at all levels, from beginner to advanced (Recommendation 2.1.2).	No action	N/A
#9	Almost all new trails built in recent times have been built by machines. Consideration should be given to hand building more natural trails. While these are		Noted. The Western Australian Mountain Bike Management Guidelines (provided for by Strategy 3.3) consider general principles relating to trail planning,	No action.	N/A

	more expensive to build and require more maintenance, they provide a different experience that is becoming lost as more and more smooth 'flow trails' appear.		design, construction and maintenance.		
#9	It is fantastic that WA has secured a national XCO round in 2015. WA should continue to push for high level events, as it is currently very costly for WA riders to travel to compete at a high level.	16	Agree. Strategy 2.3 and Strategy 2.4 provide for this.  Suggest revise Pg16 'Events' to include hosting Round 4 of the 2015 Enduro National Series (Goat Farm) and Round 2 and Round 3 of the 2015 National Cross-Country Series in Pemberton.	Revise Pg16 as proposed.	Yes
#11	Doubt whether many people outside the riding community know of the benefits of mtb tourism. No offence but most people in local government and MPs are overweight and last rode their bike at Rotto on holidays when they were a kid. Things have changed. They have no idea that there's a whole group of people out there who want to go travelling but don't want to sit on a bus and look out the window for 2 weeks! They don't want to go to Bali or Thailand and sit by a pool for 10 days even if it is cheaper! They'd rather ride their bikes each day in new and exciting spots. In Colorado a place called Fruita has 100 000 mt bike visitors a year. If not for mt biking it would be a ghost town! There's plenty of other examples like this. It's all well and good having a strategy but are we going to take years to get this happening? It's a bit wordy and repetitive. No need to reinvent the wheel in lots of cases.	24, 25	Noted. Objective 4 provides for rising the recreational and tourism profile, including building awareness and recognition of the benefits and value of mountain biking.	No action.	N/A
#14	The strategy is solid but I think it could benefit from a case study on The Pines at Margaret River. This is a sanctioned MTB park on private land that forms part of major events such as the Cape to Cape, but is also heavily used throughout the year by all levels of rider from beginner to experienced. I understand that The Pines will be logged imminently and this will leave a major gap in the sanctioned trails in the Margaret River region. Some statistics on the		Disagree. Margaret River will be considered in detail by regional masterplanning (Recommendation 3.1.3).	No action.	N/A

	use of these trails and how this will impact use of unsanctioned trails (in the absence of an alternative sanctioned trail) might support the strategy.				
#14	Also, I didn't see any information on seeking out Public Private Partnerships where government and private enterprise collaborate to provide a solution. The Pines is one example of this (with Wesfarmers providing the land) and another that I am aware of is in Victoria, where Alcoa has made land available for a MTB park near Angelsea.	27	Agree. Suggest revising Pg27: 'Further opportunities for private sector involvement, including public-private partnerships, should be explored...'.  Suggest include recommendation action: 'Investigate opportunities for public-private partnerships'	Revise Pg27 and Objective 5 as proposed.  Include recommendation action as proposed.	Yes
#15	A great start to strategic development of Mountain Biking in WA and a potential blue print for increasing the whole of Outdoor Recreation in WA. It will be an important part of the WA Outdoor Recreation Strategy that is developing.		Noted.	No action.	N/A
#16	Good idea overall. Strategy will be challenging to initiate...use Rotorua as an example on that front. We do not have the luxury of NZ soil though. Dumping tonnes of clay, using diggers and knocking over grass trees will alienate the 'purist' mtb people who prefer to ride handbuilt trails constructed with minimal impact.		Noted.	No action.	N/A
#17	I believe there are some great elements to the strategy and additional elements that require further consideration.		Noted.	No action.	N/A
#17	I believe that maximising the trails we have in WA to a level the full range of riders aspire to, should be the key priority for WAMBA and the strategy. This will foster engagement and rider ownership and will reduce the perceived need for unsanctioned trails. It is hoped that this will be the impetus for downhill trail construction within the Perth and Peel regions as an immediate priority.	20	Noted. Recommendation 3.1.2 provides for regional masterplanning to identify and prioritise locations for mountain bike facilities, including appropriate locations with terrain suitable for downhill and freeride trails	No action.	N/A
#17	WAMBA assuming responsibility for state series and championships is an idea worth exploring. Careful consideration must be given to ensure that such	16	Noted.  Suggest revising Pg16 to further acknowledge contribution	Revise Pg16 as proposed.  Include recommendation actions	Yes

	discussion gives consideration to incentives around resourcing and responsibilities for Clubs to adopt this approach where normally they have done it themselves.		<p>of clubs/groups: ‘...organised by clubs. The significant and valuable contribution made by clubs and their volunteer workforce in successfully running state level competition is recognised and acknowledged. However, these clubs may not maintain the current level of commitment placing state level completion at risk.</p> <p>As such, there is a need for WAMBA to take overarching responsibility for coordinating the state series and state championships whilst working with clubs and other stakeholders to deliver events. A coordinated approach to state level competition will ensure greater consistency between events and a more marketable product’.</p> <p>Suggest including recommendation actions on marketing and securing sponsorship for the series and championships and providing administrative, financial, promotional and other support to clubs, groups and event organisers as appropriate to facilitate and deliver events.</p>	as proposed.	
#17	Finally I recognises the importance of WAMBA and would like to see primary consideration given to WAMBA being the overarching organisation to sustainable mountain biking governance in WA.	12, 13	Noted. The Strategy identifies and provides for WAMBA as the state representative body for mountain biking.	No action.	N/A
#20	If Yes, please provide your comments If further information is required please do not hesitate to contact the club through Vice President. Our club is about to undertake strategic planning for the next 5 years. We would really benefit from the opportunity of having a Westcycle representative come and talk to us further about the implementation of the state strategy, and specifically how we can get involved in a meaningful way to ensure that downhill mountain biking stays very much on the agenda. We will be in touch with Westcycle to investigate if this is possible.		Noted.	No action.	N/A
#21	The Department of Water would like to thank WestCycle incorporated for its consideration and		Noted.	No action.	N/A

	appreciation of public drinking water source protection in the strategy. The protection of public drinking water source areas are paramount to protect public health, and to provide for the ongoing availability of a reliable, safe, lower cost public drinking water supply.				
#22	While it's great to see photos of kids and trail maintenance, and I understand the majority of the photos being event/ race based, it would be great to see at least one photo of a group of female riders (preferably social, not race orientated). As an example, the cover photo on the WOW (Women of WAMBA) Facebook page. Something to show that while there is a serious under-representation of on s within mountain biking, there are things happening in this area.		Agree. Suggest obtain image(s) of groups of female riders from photographers/the mountain bike community.	Obtain image of groups of female riders. Insert as proposed.	Yes
#22	There aren't any dates mentioned on the front of the plan. What is the timeframe for this strategy? 3 or 5 years?		Steering Committee response required.  The Steering Committee resolved that the Strategy should have a 5-year timeline. Therefore 2015 – 2020.  This will cross-match with the timescales of the implementation plan: short (0 – 3 years), medium (3 – 5 years), long (5+ years).	Insert '2015- 2020' on cover page, Pg3 and Pg9	Yes
#23	I really want to thank WestCyle and WAMBA for the effort you put into preparing this Strategy. The hard work transpires from the document and I am happy about the overall approach and content. However, as mentioned above I have limited feedback for your consideration that may help improve the Strategy		Noted.	No action.	N/A
#24	Great stuff. Let's have more of it for locals as well as visitors.		Noted.	No action.	N/A
#25	With the current influx of Mountain-Biking in WA it would only make sense that action is taken sooner rather than later. The time it takes for new trails to be		Noted.  The Trail Development Process (Recommendation 3.3.1)	No action.	N/A

	sanctioned and built is extremely limiting and the barriers also prevent volunteers from stepping up because they are aware of the hassle they would face. The reason why there are so many illegal/unsanctioned trails is because of the difficulty to have sanctioned trails built. If we were able to make this process easier, not only would there be more sanctioned trails but the amount of volunteers (who are currently building illegal trails) would also increase.		will set out a standardised methodology for trail planning, design and construction and ensure the development of high quality, sustainable trails. The process is similar to those used on other large infrastructure/development projects.  The Strategy recognises the importance of the volunteer workforce and supports upskilling and capacity building.		
#25	WA is missing a lot of MTBing infrastructure currently, some of them including: - Accessible Trails for Perth Residents who live North of the River. - Inner City Skills Parks - Trails with the ability to Shuttle - A good trails map website (Pinkbike have just released trailforks.com which appears to be A LOT better than the current WAMBA maps website in use). I look forward to WA progressing its MTB infrastructure however I hope it is not going to be too little too late.		Noted. The Strategy identifies and aims to remove barriers to participation (Strategy 2.1).	No action.	N/A
#28	I would like to commend and congratulate those involved in the development of this Strategy. Is it very complete and proposes an excellent strategic framework for Mountain Biking. I hope my suggestions above are useful and help support this excellent strategy document		Noted.	No action.	N/A
#29	Overall I am very excited to see the development of such a strategy for mountain biking in Western Australia. The sport has a tremendous future for growth and development in WA and something is needed to guide this development into the future. For many years I have been involved in the administration of one of the largest triathlon clubs in WA, and would be interested to explore what assistance I can offer the sport of mountain biking going forward		Noted.	No action.	N/A
#30	Long overdue. For several years there has been a		Noted. Developing urban trails is a key part of the Strategy	Forward site suggestion to Perth	N/A

	proposal for an integrated wheeled sports facility in the northern corridor to include MTB trails and skills circuit, as a means to develop more riding. This is a good fit with part of this strategy		(Recommendation 2.1.4). Potential sites will be identified and prioritised by regional masterplanning.	and Peel Mountain Bike Master Plan consultant.	
#32	Please don't take any of the comments above as negative, but as constructive feedback. I am a supporter of the document and believe it is well overdue. It is exciting times for MTB in WA and although we have a long way to go at least we have start the journey. Well done.		Noted.	No action.	N/A
#34	I think that there are many other mountain bikers who would think that this is a really positive strategy but either haven't heard about it, or haven't made the time to review the strategy and provide comment. I get updates from the WAMBA facebook page but must have missed the release for comment in the other facebook notifications! I ride with a number of different groups of people (probably about 20 different people over the year), female and male, who I am confident would back this strategy, I'm hoping that they login and give their approval before the comment period is closed. Thank you for the work that has gone into this, it is a great step forward for the mountain biking community		Noted. Promoting the final Strategy widely will be key to ensure awareness and buy-in.  Suggest revise Strategy 1.1 to: 'Develop and raise awareness of the Western Australian mountain bike planning hierarchy' and inserting new recommendation to promote the hierarchy.	Revise Strategy 1.1 and insert recommendation as proposed.	