

Future concerns re access to maps
Paper 2

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Liaison with land owners and managers:

Our advantages:

- Nature based OA Environmental Code of Ethics
- Appropriate to the setting Dry sclerophyl forests, grazing land, parkland
- Safe Risk Management Procedures in place
- Sustainable Rotation of maps, control sites. dispersal of runners;
Impact Assessment studies in our favour
- Attuned to community needs Meets health, educational and recreational needs
- Compatible with other users Not requiring exclusive use except for assembly areas
- Clientele attitudes No smoking, no dogs, no fires
- Public liability policy \$10 000 000 policy covers all landowners
- Our publications *Landowners Guide to Orienteering*; map notes with access details

Our disadvantages:

- Environmental damage Orienteering perceived by many to be environmentally damaging because of off-track running and the competitive nature of participants.
- Low profile of the sport Needs a lot of explaining as to how the sport operates
- The fear of the unknown Could be flow on effects as a result of granting permission
- Fear of litigation Landowners don't understand *Voluntary Assumption of Risk*
- Poor liaison In terms of timing, observing permit conditions, keeping out of sensitive areas etc.

Our approach policy:

- Do it early International 2-3 year lead time; National 2 year lead time; State Champs 1 year; State event 6 months; Local event 2-3 months.
- Do it in writing Letters, permit application a must. Last minute request calls are a not on!
- Keep a copy Any written response or permit must be kept and have on hand at event
- Follow up in person Offer to meet with ranger/owner, arrange site inspection, discuss issues in the field
- Give accurate info Likely numbers, taping and control placement procedures and timing
- Observe conditions Land owners/managers like to feel they are in control, but difficulties to do with compliance can usually be discussed and resolved
- Invite monitoring Ask owners, rangers to monitor and give feedback; show we are prepared to listen and respond to concerns.
- Build respect Without mutual respect we stand to lose access to many areas.