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To: Bourke, Monica

Subject: EXCLUSIVE DEALING NOTIFICATION LODGED BY NASR

Dear Monica

My name is John Carr and I am the promoter of the Latrobe Speedway here in Tasmania. I wish to make comment on the above as per your correspondence to me on this matter.

- 1. The holding of a NASR licence is regarded as paramount by Tasmania Police in regards to the events permits they issue to us. NASR is regarded by the police as our governing body as it shows leadership in insurance, the efficient and safe operation of speedway complexes and gives support and guidance to the licence holder. As a track we value the process that NASR goes through to make sure that the licence is issued in the best interests of everyone.
- 2.If we did not have a NASR personal injury licence all concerned would have difficulty in sourcing their own person insurance. I am of the belief that it would cause a great deal of concern to all speedway sections if we were not able to access the NASR insurance schemes. My own personal opinion of the NASR provided insurance policies that they are functional, provide user friendly service and offer very good value for money. Likewise I believe this to be the perception of most drivers.
- 3.Most drivers that I am ware of only have NASR insurance due to its perceived favourable conditions. They are of the opinion that they are dealing with an organisation that understands their sport and has provided a value for money option. To my knowledge very few drivers take out additional private insurance for reasons just stated, but the non adjustment of the licence fee is not a negative for those who do take out the additional insurance.
- 4.IN Tasmania there are three speedways and all of them are NASR tracks due to the service provided by NASR and the high regard that Tasmania Police has of the organisation. To 99 per cent of drivers this is not an issue, but for those drivers who do race interstate they prefer to race at NASR approved tracks due to the before mentioned benefits.
- 5.I consider Latrobe Speedway to be a very well run speedway that requires value for money in the services that it purchases. We consider our association with NASR to be vital if we are to maintain our leadership role in the Australian Speedway scene.

The reasons for this are many, but the fact that NASR provides leadership in the speedway industry and works very closely with all stakeholders gives us great confidence to remain in partnership with them.

6.It is imperative that all drivers be members of their respective competitor organisations as they provide a vital day to day service to the competitor and are a vital cog in the machine. In Tasmania we require all drivers to belong to a competitor group as they receive gudiance in the many aspects of the speedway wheel. This varies from safety issues, race car constructions, examinaing of their race vehicles to ensure that they are built to the correct specifications and are safe to race, to ensuring their rights are protected when dealing with track promoters and NASR itself.

Should you require further clarification on this subject please feel free to contact me