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Ms Monica Bourke  
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Dear Ms Bourke

### **EXCLUSIVE DEALING NOTIFICATION LODGED BY NASR AND OTHERS**

I refer to the letter of the Acting General Manager, Mr David Hatfield of 14 March 2008 enclosing the Exclusive Dealing Notification by NASR and others. The Confederation of Australian Motor Sport Ltd (CAMS) is appreciative for being consulted in this regard.

CAMS is the only organisation recognised by the Australian Sports Commission as the National Sporting Organisation for four wheeled motor sport in Australia, in addition to being the sole delegated authority of the Federation Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA) which is the international regulatory body for four wheeled motor sport, inclusive of the disciplines subject to this notification. CAMS is an independent not-for-profit organisation which derives its sporting authority by delegation from the FIA and pursuant to its powers of delegation, CAMS has appointed NASR as the organisation responsible for Speedway Racing in Australia under the auspices of CAMS and the FIA.

CAMS is not in a position to provide answers to the questions numbered 1-6 as these are focused on specific Speedway Racing issues and are best addressed by stakeholders who participate in that area of motor sport. CAMS has been provided with the responses submitted by NASR to the ACCC Public Consultation Questions and supports the views of NASR on these matters.

CAMS wishes to provide comment on some of the important underlying principles which it believes should be taken into serious consideration for all forms of motor sport. In CAMS view it is beneficial to have appropriate specifications and standards in motor sport and importantly uniformity of such standards to ensure that the best interests of all stakeholders (competitors, officials and spectators) are protected. In addition these directly contribute to the ability to conduct the sport in the interests of equity, fairness and being environmentally and socially responsible. These standards include:

1. Licensing of competitors
2. Licensing and inspection of tracks
3. Training and licensing of officials

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4. Standards, specifications and scrutineering of vehicles and categories
5. Sanctioning of events in accordance with a standard set of competition rules
6. Risk Management, Safety and Compliance
7. Provision of Public Liability and Personal Accident insurance
8. Provision of a fair, independent and transparent judicial system
9. Management of motor sport categories
10. Community engagement and education
11. Environmental standards, systems and processes.

In respect of all these important areas it would be of public benefit to have a single sanctioning body administering the sport including Speedway Racing. This would necessarily improve safety and fairness of competition.

It is apparent from the NASR Exclusive Dealing Notification that the interests of Speedway competitors and the public would be well served by providing for uniformity across the sport and that this would in turn lead to increased levels of participation and competition.

We trust the issues raised in this letter will be of assistance to the ACCC in its consideration of the NASR notifications. Please do not hesitate to contact me on (03) 9593 7775 should you require any clarification of the matters outlined above or any further information.

Yours sincerely,



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cc: Tim McAvaney – General Manager, NASR.