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The General Manager. Adjudication Branch,

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via email

Dear Sir/Madam.

I welcome this opportunity to be able to give my views regarding these applications and I thank you for this.

In reply to question 1:

It is not important to have a NASR license in my opinion. I have raced for many years and have now retired and pit crew for my son. I feel that the license should be issued by the division which we race - sprintcars - either the State or National Body. My son has to have NASR insurance/license at the moment if he wishes to race at the Motorplex. Both he and myself have NDRA insurance/license and are quite happy with what we have. I know that I will get paid out by my insurance as I have seen first hand two other drivers who have had their claims paid within a month of them going in. I wish to retain my right to purchase a product I am happy with and not be forced to buy something I do not want.

Question 2.

I know of many drivers and crews in mid Western Australia that have other insurance and licenses. My home track would have only about 10% of NASR insured/licensed drivers and crew. NASR is only one of several entities able to provide this service.

I also am impressed that the monies from the license fees raised in this state go back to the speedway fraternity in Western Australia by the National Dirt Racers Association. Just recently \$3,000 was given for a junior title and further money paid to help a speedway which was suffering from the drought. I also know of other monies paid for junior development by these people.

Recently I had the pleasure of being asked to crew for a friend of mine's son at Mildura Speedway. This pleasure was short lived after we got to Mildura. As members of NDRA we all had to pay NASR insurance to get into the pits. NDRA was not recognised by them. This is absolutely ridiculous as there is no law in the land that says I have to be insured for income replacement and considering I am now on the Age Pension I do not have any income to replace anyway. We each had to pay \$90 for the two nights.

It is my belief that the speedway fraternity should be able to chose who they insure or license with. It will be a sad day for speedway if these applications are allowed. Yours faithfully,

Bill Atkins MOORA 31/3/08

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