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ACCC Dr Richard Chadwick General Manager Adjudication Branch 23 Marcus Clarke Street Canberra ACT 2601

Dear Dr Chadwick,

Re: N94032 - N94034

Exclusive Dealing Notifications lodged by Brisbane International Speedway Pty Ltd, Murray Bridge Sporting Car Club & Motorcycle Club Incorporated and Premier Speedway Club Warrnambool Pty Ltd – interested party consultation.

I am writing on behalf of the Victorian Speedway Council Inc (VSC) in response to the above notifications. The VSC is still of the opinion of our letter dated 30 March 2008 regarding Exclusive Dealing notifications lodged by NASR.

The issues as raised then are the same issues that stand today with Premier Speedway Club Warrnambool Pty Ltd having direct implications for Victorian speedway classes. As stated in our previous letter of response once again an application has been lodged without informing speedway tracks, clubs or members.

At this point in time a driver is eligible to compete at speedway tracks within Victoria (exception Avalon) by producing either VSC licence and Accident Fund or if you are a member of NASR you produce a NASR licence with compulsory insurance. As you will be aware from the previous letter the VSC when licencing drivers or issuing Pitpasses, recognise the NASR insurance component and offer (with proof of insurance coverage) licence or Pitpass only, as a member only requires one insurance coverage and the VSC will continue to offer a choice to it's members. VSC licence with Accident Fund \$100.00 (if driver has NASR licence the cost of VSC licence only is \$50.00) and VSC Pitpasses with Accident Fund \$37.50 (Senior prices quoted)

If the Exclusive Dealing Notifications are permitted VSC drivers or Pit Crew with VSC licence and Accident Fund will be required to purchase a NASR licence and insurance to be able to compete at Premier Speedway. This is discriminatory and will also add the burden and cost of a second medical as well as depending on the class of car racing, the unnecessary cost of licence and insurance, the extra costs being licence with compulsory insurance minimum \$160.00 to maximum \$250.00 and pit passes being an extra \$90.00 with compulsory insurance ( you are unable to purchase a licence or pitpass through NASR without insurance). A member should not be expected to

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carry the burden of enforced costs and exclusion from tracks especially when they are adequately licenced and covered by insurance/Accident Fund.

The VSC last season licenced 521 drivers and issued 203 pitpasses.

The issue of Exclusive Dealing has the potential to needlessly impact on the above numbers and in some instances the burden of costs as well as a second medical as stated above would be expected for one race meeting only.

The VSC urge that you consider all the issues as in the previous Exclusive Dealing Notifications and find in favour of the members that want to go racing without another obstacle enforced upon them.

If you require any further information or require a meeting please do not hesitate to contact me on 0408 539 694.

Regards

Aaron Meakins

President

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