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ACCC
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Att Ms Monica Bourke

Re: 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 (N94032-N94034) PRE-DECISION CONFERENCE

The VSC (Victorian Speedway Council Inc) wish to provide this written submission for the Pre-Decision Conference to be held Monday 22 February 2010.

The VSC is in agreeance with the ACCC issuing draft notices to revoke notifications N94032- N94034 lodged by Brisbane International Speedway Pty Ltd, Murray Bridge Sporting Car Club & Motorcycle Club Incorporated and Premier Speedway Club Warrnambool Pty Ltd.

The VSC asks the ACCC to accept our previous submission but would like to further add the following:

1. The VSC does offer a licence and personal accident cover of which both prices are stated. The VSC does not enforce members to have a particular cover only.
The VSC offers a licence only to applicants that have any approved personal accident cover.
It is impossible to gauge the competitiveness against the NASR policy when the policy is not separated from the licence fee.

Over the past months it has been stated that some venues are unsure if the VSC Accident Fund is sufficient. It should be noted that the Australian Speedway Accident Fund is equivalent and in some instances superior than what is offered by some providers. NASR took over FAS and I would like to point out that the FAS policy was modeled on the Australian Speedway Accident Fund of which was established in 1972. The product the VSC provides may be cheaper but is in no way inferior to any other product on the market in fact it offers a better coverage for pensioners and self employed Members.

Competition is healthy when you can offer a choice. Killing off the competition is not a healthy alternative.

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2. The VSC has in the past and ongoing into the future will continue to look at being proactive in the improvement of safety within speedway. The VSC is a Member Sanctioning Body of the SFI Foundation Inc using the SFI as one of it's sources towards better safety for drivers and clubs alike.

The VSC is currently talking with like minded groups and sharing data with the intent of improving all safety aspects of speedway. The VSC has been able to share data collected over the past 5 years of which can impact in all areas of the sport including safety, insurance, tracks and classes etc.

3. NASR accept the VSC, VSC classes, VSC specifications and VSC Officials and NASR Officials that are trained by the VSC. If NASR accept all of these aspects of the VSC why should the VSC licence and Accident Fund not be accepted.

If the notifications were to be approved that would then force our Members to purchase two licences and possibly two personal accident covers. They will have to possibly purchase two covers as a result of NASR not separating licence and Insurance and also requiring it's members to be affiliated to a body that supplies specifications, log books etc as they do not provide these. If the notifications are approved it will hurt our Members.

The VSC ask that you consider every Member that participates in speedway and look at not excluding them when there is no valid reason to do so.

Yours Sincerely

Aaron Meakins
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