

Submissions to the Qld. State Government for secure tenure of motor sporting venues

My concern and the concern of many others is the continuing threat to motor sporting venues here in Queensland due to the ever expanding urban sprawl.

After raising the matter with the Premier it was arranged for me to see the Minister for Sport. At that meeting I raise the issues and said we would seek submissions from clubs and organisations as well as businesses connected with motor sport.

The process has already commenced and a number of submissions have already been forwarded to me and a petition has been prepared and has now been approved by the Clerk of Parliament. There is a paper petition and an e-petition, so please sign both. For the e-petition go to Queensland Parliament current e-petitions Number 2261-14.

It will be important for all clubs, organisations and individuals to support the petitions. Equally important is the need for submissions from clubs and organisations even if they are not the owner of a track or facility. The future of motor sport in this State is under threat.

Clubs were assured many years ago that the site they have developed with blood, sweat and maybe some tears was secure but as development expanded some councils have not been so supportive. Also court action has not been so kind in some instances and smaller clubs cannot afford to continually seek legal advice to protect their investment. As well, some court decisions have made facilities uneconomical to continue into the future.

That is why we must act now and we must have all this completed as soon as possible. Pressure is already being placed on existing facilities with another two venues recently being forced to close .

The format of the submission should be:

History of the Club.

Facilities provided at the circuit.

Value to the local community. (tourism ---- engineering----motor part suppliers etc.)

Events of state or national significance.

Services to the community (eg school students learn to drive—advanced driver training etc)

If you have or are trying to have a good rapport with the local community.

Include some photographs of events—if you have an aerial view of the facility.

Stating your concern about any existing or future threat to the facility AND request that the State Government place motor sporting venues under the protection of CH. 8A of the Sustainable Planning Act 2009.

We should be promoting a policy of “Speed on a track not on a road”.

Please forward all submissions to me to forward to the Minister and the original signed paper petition to me so I can hand them personally to the Clerk of Parliament and then hopefully a series of discussions can commence with the appropriate Minister(s).

Please sign both the paper petition and the e-petition. Petitions close mid August.

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