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Who we are.

We are a grass roots motor racing club based in Queensland with each state having its own locally based Superkart club. We are a CAMS affiliated club and run under FIA rules. To assist you in identifying who we are I have attached a photo at the end of this submission. We are often confused with Go Karting – otherwise known as Sprint Karting - which is a short circuit based sport. Whilst we have some crossover categories with Sprint Karting we run exclusively on longer tracks such as Queensland Raceway, Lakeside Park and Morgan Park. Our National titles are usually held at a combination of Tailem Bend, Philip Island and Sydney Motorsport Park. We offer six racing categories covering a large range of budgets:

85cc Gearbox Junior
85cc Gearbox
125cc Non Gearbox (a Sprint Karting crossover class)
125cc Gearbox
250cc National Class (Single cylinder engines)
250cc International Class (Twin cylinder engines)

Section “a”

All motorsport categories, including ourselves, rely on any number of outside entities to keep our machines mechanically sound, improving and looking good. As such we make use of engineering works, metal suppliers, composite material manufacturers, chrome plating businesses and any other range of affiliated industries. By building motorsport in Queensland there will be a corresponding increase in affiliated industries.

Section “b”

If you look at the attendances at all sorts of motorsport events in Europe it is obvious that it is a far larger “business” there than it is in Australia. One of the major differences is the provision of high quality permanent venues. Any large motorsport event in Australia is normally held at a temporary street venue. If we had a quality permanent venue the fans have somewhere to go more than once a year to watch their sport. Build the fan base and you will build the sport. Build

the sport and you will attract sponsors who in turn advertise. It becomes a self-building loop, benefitting all and building tourism.

Section “c”

The major legislative area that will benefit Queensland motorsport is simply the ability of any proposed venue to be ensured longevity. At present we have a situation where Lakeside Raceway is under much pressure from some local residents, Queensland Raceway has concerns that increasing local residential development will impact their ability to maintain a racing circuit. At present Morgan Park Raceway seems to be safe but once again there is an urban spread that may well cause concern in the future.

Legislation needs to be put in place to provide a level of protection to any business willing to put up the considerable funding required to create a top quality motorsport venue.

Section “d”

The vehicle rules put in place by the FIA are being assessed and upgraded as an ongoing process to ensure vehicles remain as safe as possible. Track safety requires the same ongoing process to ensure constant improvement. To reach this goal requires research projects which, in turn, means funding from the government. This research would need to include inputs from overseas tracks to ensure our Australian tracks are of the highest, and therefore safest standard at all times.

Section “e” and “f”

These sections, as far as our motorsport club is concerned, are interrelated.

We offer a junior class to 12yo and upwards. This class, traditionally, includes family involvement and therefore has multifaceted benefits. By including the whole family it expands the age range of people exposed to the participative side of motorsport and therefore offers the opportunity for those involved in community to interface their involvement with the motorsport community.

The junior program provides a safe environment for youth to gain an appreciation of what happens at speed and to abide by the many safety rules put in place. It has been proven that the more hours spent behind the wheel leads to a more proficient, and therefore safer driver on the road.

Section “g”

The single most significant factor facing the motorsport industry in Australia and Queensland particularly, is the total lack of a high quality international facilities. Currently the only International level venues we have available to us are, Phillip Island (VIC) or Tailem Bend (SA) all other circuits are ‘street circuits’ including Albert Park (VIC) that hosts the Formula 1 championship, Bathurst (NSW) that Hosts the 12 Hour as well as the 1000 Classic. It is the “build it and they will come” situation. To have an international quality racetrack in Queensland would both attract overseas formulas and help build motorsport in Queensland.

This track needs to be close to a major city and the Norwell area would be well suited. It already houses two small motorsport facilities. Building on them could well provide the facility Queensland needs and is situated between Brisbane and Coolangatta airports. It is also, at present, a low volume residential area which lowers the impact residential expansion can have on a motorsport facility.



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