



Hon Phil Reeves MP

Member for Mansfield

Your reference: Petition 1670-11
Our reference: COM 13849-2011



**Queensland
Government**

**Minister for Child Safety
and Minister for Sport**

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Mr Neil Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to your letter of 14 October 2011 concerning Petition No. 1670-11 seeking the establishment of a motorsport precinct in the Scenic Rim Regional Council area.

The Queensland Government acknowledges the importance to the community of environmentally sustainable motorsport both in terms of social and economic benefits.

I note that the Scenic Rim Motor Sports Association is seeking 200 to 250 acres of land to establish a community based motorsport precinct which would cater for speedway, drag racing, circuit racing, motorkana (which includes activities such as burnouts, go to whoa, obstacle course and model car racing) and defensive driver training.

In relation to the provision of land for the proposed precinct, the Queensland Government does not usually purchase or acquire land for such purposes. The responsibility for the purchase or acquisition of land for sport and recreation purposes lies with the local government, in this case, the Scenic Rim Regional Council. I understand that the Scenic Rim Regional Council is very supportive in principle of what the Scenic Rim Motor Sports Association is trying to achieve, subject to undertaking a full and detailed approval process.

I can further advise the petitioners that the Department of Communities is not able to undertake assessments to determine the suitability of land for a motorsport facility. This assessment would best be undertaken by those with expertise in this activity and its specific land use requirements.

The petitioners may also care to note that Sport and Recreation Services, Department of Communities administers a range of funding programs to assist local governments and community organisations interested in developing sport and recreation initiatives in their community. The Queensland Government's Sport and Recreation Infrastructure program may be of interest to the Scenic Rim Regional Council should Council wish to proceed with the development of a motorsport precinct. Information about all sport and recreation funding programs can be found at www.communities.qld.gov.au/sportrec. I would like to encourage Council to explore all possible options with the department.

I trust this information is of assistance and I thank the petitioners for taking the time to make me aware of this proposal.

Yours sincerely

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