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Application name: Sydney International Speedway

Application number: (SSI-10048)

I declare my approval for the proposal.

The eventual loss of the only existing speedway located in the Greater Metropolitan Sydney area (Valvoline Raceway) to the Sydney Metro West project, warrants a replacement facility for affected businesses, competitors and spectators. The sport has existed for nearly 100 years and both competitors and spectators span many generations.

The creation of a new speedway in within Western Sydney Parkland's Precinct 5: Eastern Creek Motor Sports complex represents a great outcome for the affected Speedway community.

My involvement with the Speedway is both from a spectator and competitor (pit crew) and thus limit my points to issues relevant to race day operations rather than planning and construction.

Design Concerns:

A total capacity of 7,000 appears inadequate for a world class motorsports facility. The existing Valvoline Raceway has a greater capacity. I would expect a minimum of 10,000 capacity would adequately provide for major international speedway events and any other one-off special events like Monster Trucks, Supercross Motorcycles etc.

Grandstand could be extended another 4 – 6 rows to increase capacity in addition to a large grassed area at Northern end.

Speedway proves itself to be a family-friendly activity and thus young families require grass space for blankets & prams where they are not located on top of other patrons. Grandstand seating is not always a preferred viewing position and thus the availability of grass areas is seen as desirable for the existing spectators and potential new attendees from the Western Sydney demography. A speedway event is conducted over 6 hours and much longer than a single game of football. Grass equals comfort for many.

From a spectator perspective, whether it be clay or dust, people do not generally locate close to the spectator fence in turns. While fence safety has improved over the years, no one enjoys being hit by clods of clay or rocks.

Provision of shaded areas? Speedway is a summer sport and spectators arriving from 3pm onwards need areas to escape direct sun which becomes uncomfortable in a cement grandstand area with minimal space between patrons.

Competitor Facilities:

Provision for 20 heavy vehicle transporters. What happens if there are more competitors with such vehicles?

Electrical power availability? Do competitors need to provide own generators?

Dust mitigation and management:

The existing mound between the speedway and dragway could be increased in size/height to provide a larger spectator terrace area and keep dust screens as high as possible.

Traffic control:

The provision of properly marked and surfaced parking areas to contribute to better flows after an event.

I declare I have not made any political donations in the last 2 years.