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Coroners Court
65 Kavanagh Street
Southbank VIC 3006

Via Email: cpuresponses@coronerscourt.vic.gov.au

Dear Coroner Carlin,

**Re: Investigation into the death of Philip Harrison
Court Ref: COR 2011 000488**

Motorcycling Australia (MA) has carefully considered the Coroner's Report following the death of Philip Harrison and particularly the Coroner's Recommendations provided 27 July 2015.

We would like to advise that the Coroners recommendations will be implemented and Motorcycling Australia is taking proactive steps to work through the items including:

1. MA should revise the current edition of the Track Guidelines (1st Edition 2012):
 - *Currently being reviewed.*
2. The committee revising the guidelines should include a person who is an expert in drafting standards documents. This person might be someone who has previously worked for Standards Australia or someone person with expertise in drafting technical manuals.
 - *Currently sourcing a person who has experience in drafting standard documents. 2016 Budget has made allowance for this person.*
3. Prior to issuing the new Track Guidelines, MA should obtain a peer review from an independent reviewer with recognised expertise in safety measures for motorsports venues.
 - *No update available until after review is complete.*
4. The guidelines should contain the relevant technical information for those charged with licensing venue
 - *Will be reviewed by Committee*
5. The guidelines should be written so that they are readily comprehensible to race officials who conduct venue checks prior to race meetings.
 - *In progress, liaising with National Officials Committee to implement change.*

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6. Licensing officials and race state officials responsible for checking venues prior to a race meeting should have a kit which includes:
 - i. A copy of the track guidelines
 - ii. A copy of the track licencing conditions applicable to the particular venue
 - iii. Checklist sheets generated for the particular venue and for the particular configuration of the venue
 - iv. Contact details to enable the officials to readily obtain assistance in relation to any queries pertaining to the conditions applicable to the track or other issues which may arise in the field.

➤ *In progress as per item 5.*

7. Risk assessment documents and venue checklist documents should include the following question;
Are there any obstructions in the vicinity of the race which are not essential to the proper functioning of the race track?

➤ *Will be incorporated during review*

8. MA should compile a database of accidents, injuries and near misses (to be defined) occurring during any race meeting. The data is to be collected from reports filed by race officials after each event. The data should be analysed periodically to identify systemic problems at venues. This process should be developed in association with the medical data currently collected by RACESAFE.

➤ *MA has commenced looking at a database to report accidents, injuries and near misses. MA is currently recording this information physically via excel spreadsheet, however the 2016 Budget has made allowance for the design of such a database.*

Motorcycling Australia is committed to implementing the recommended safety enhancements and will continue working on the Coroners Recommendations to ensure they are embedded into standard business processes.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries or concerns.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Doyle
CEO

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