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Attn Lisa Foley
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Dear Joint Regional Planning Panel

RA14/1000 Motorcycling NSW proposal

I wish to advise that the elected Council considered the Planning Staff report to the Panel recently resolved to support the staff's recommendation and a deferred commencement consent.

Council acknowledges that a Motorsports complex will always have some impact on residents in the immediate local area as do many other large or intrusive developments/activities – abattoirs and saleyards, airports, waste depots, manufacturing, however, the broader community needs all of these and they must be accommodated.

The broader community overwhelmingly support this proposal with almost 500 individual submissions, including letters of support from:

- Stuart Ayres MP, Minister for Trade, Tourism & Major Events, Minister for Sport.
- The Hon John Barilaro MP, Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Skills, and Minister for Small Business.
- The Shoalhaven Business Chamber.

In addition, 3,784 signatures on a petition are also in support.

It is this broader economic and social benefits perspective that Council also supports in this particular circumstance.

The complex will receive Federal Government funding of >$9.6m under the National Stronger Regions Program. It will be a catalyst to generate over 200 jobs in a region that has a high unemployment rate.

This proposal creates jobs and will be a major sports tourism facility. The direct and indirect injection into the economy is over $20m, much of this into our local economy, ie: retail, support industries, accommodation, hospitality etc, once it is fully operational.

Council will certainly work with Motorcycling NSW & Crown Lands to ensure the environmental conservative areas are legally protected.

Kind regards

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