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Dear Sir/Madam

**Consultation with the Environment Protection Authority  
Blackrock Recreational Facility – Lake Macquarie City Council DA 1556/2017  
Rhondda Road, Wakefield**

On 1 May 2019 the Hunter and Central Coast Regional Planning Panel determined to approve the Blackrock Recreational Facility (DA 1556/2017), located in the Lake Macquarie suburb of Wakefield. A condition of the determination requires the applicant to consult the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) and submit a revised Noise Management Plan to Lake Macquarie City Council, prior to final approval being granted for the proposal.

There has not been any previous consultation between the Hunter and Central Coast Regional Planning Panel and the EPA in relation to this matter. In future, please ensure that the EPA is consulted prior to issuing determinations that require EPA involvement.

I understand that this development includes a motorsport track that has the potential to generate noise and that approval of the development has concerned some local residents.

Based on the information in the Development Application, it does not appear that the proposed development involves an activity that is listed in Schedule 1 of the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997* (POEO Act). As such, Lake Macquarie City Council would be the appropriate regulatory authority for matters under the POEO Act. While the EPA is prepared to work co-operatively to assist Council on this issue, the EPA considers it is preferable for Council to lead on all communication and consultation with the developer, their consultants and the public, on matters for which Council will be responsible.

If you have any questions about this matter, please contact me on (02) 4908 6815 or by email to [hunter.region@epa.nsw.gov.au](mailto:hunter.region@epa.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Adam Gilligan'.

16 June 2019

**ADAM GILLIGAN**  
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