



Minister for Police, Corrective Services and Sport

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Mr Neil Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
Parliament House
George Street
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter of 11 October 2007 regarding a petition from Principal Petitioner Mr John Lippiat received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly No.914-07 for a facility that will allow car enthusiasts to meet, display and operate performance vehicles on the Gold Coast.

I referred this matter to the Department of Sport and Recreation and am advised that the Gold Coast City Council (GCCC) recently formed the Gold Coast Motorsport Interdepartmental Working Group with the view to developing a motorsport precinct to cater for a number of clubs and different user groups. The Working Group is made up of representatives from GCCC, the Gold Coast Motorsport Association and the State Government.

The Working Group meets on a regular basis and their initial task is to identify land suitable to develop a major motorsport precinct. The Department is aware that the Gold Coast Mayor, Councillor Ron Clarke, is taking a keen interest in the proposal to develop a motorsport precinct.

Mr Richard Pascoe, Principal Coordinator Recreational Planning and Services, GCCC is the Chairperson for the Working Group and can be contacted on telephone 5581 6784.

Alternatively, Mr Martyn Hancock, Principal Adviser, South East Region of the Department, is a member of the Working Group representing the State Government and can be contacted on telephone 3224 7010 for any further assistance required.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

Judy Spence MP Minister for Police, Corrective Services and Sport