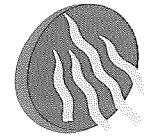




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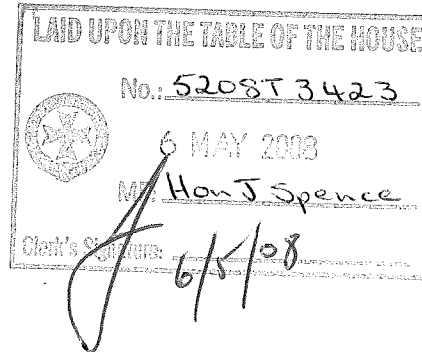


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**30 APR 2008**

Mr Neil Laurie  
The Clerk of the Parliament  
Parliament House  
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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter of 13 March 2008, regarding a petition (Ref: 1022-08) from Principal Petitioner, Mr John Lippiat received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly on 11 March 2008 concerning the need 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 (DSR) and am advised that the proposal to develop a motorsport precinct on the Gold Coast is currently being considered by the Gold Coast City Council (Council).

Council has recently established the Gold Coast Motorsport Intergovernmental Working Group to progress investigations and potential governmental partnerships to identify and develop future motorsport facilities. The Working Group also comprises representatives of DSR and the Gold Coast Motorsport Association (GCMSA). The GCMSA was formed to represent the concerns of nine motorsport clubs on the Gold Coast consisting of 3 500 members across motorcycle, motor car and karting clubs.

One option that Council is currently exploring is the co-location of a community based motorsport facility with a proposed international motorsport facility planned by a company known as Integrated Motorsports, Education, Tourism and Technology (i-METT). The i-METT proposal has recently received significant project status from the Coordinator-General representing the Department of Infrastructure and Planning.

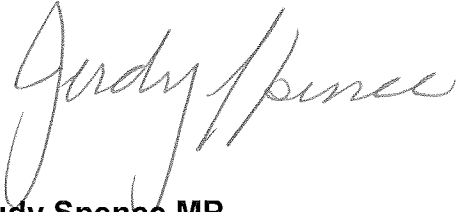
Mr Richard Pascoe, Principal Coordinator, Recreational Planning and Services of Council is the Chairperson of the Working Group. Mr Pascoe will be able to provide advice to the petitioners on how they could get involved with planning for a motorsport precinct. Mr Pascoe can be contacted on telephone number 5581 6784.

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Mr Martyn Hancock, Principal Adviser, South East Region of the Department of Sport and Recreation is also a member of the Working Group and can be contacted on telephone number 3224 7010 for any further assistance required.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Judy Spence', written in black ink.

**Judy Spence MP**  
Minister for Police, Corrective Services and Sport