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Mr Damien Codognotto OAM
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Dear Damien,

I advise receipt of your application via the National Secretary to be the Ulysses Club representative to the Victorian Motorcycle Advisory Council (VMAC) to replace the retiring incumbent, Mr. Roger Northam.

The person we are seeking needs to have special qualities. They need to be a high profile Ulysses Club member with a proven track record in Branch activities. They need to be able to work in a close team environment, demonstrate consultative skills and be non-confrontational in their approach to managing the many issues that need addressing. It goes without saying that they also need to be passionate practising motorcyclist, well versed on the current issues of motorcycle safety in Victoria and be well respected by their peers within the Ulysses Club.

This is very much a political appointment made in the first instance by the National Committee of the Ulysses Club. The recommendations of the National Committee then need to go to the Hon. Tim Palls as Minister for Transport and Ports for his careful consideration and ultimate selection.

You have continually stated in the public media that the Ulysses Club should not be meddling in political matters, especially in Victoria. We therefore, on this count, see your application as hypocritical in the extreme. You also have continually attacked the elected National Public Liaison Coordinator in the public media as being inept, having no right to be making statements in Victoria and of promoting the introduction of the motorcycle safety levee back in early 2002. The National Committee has many files and emails retained as proof of your constant attacks. The Ulysses Club representative to VMAC would need to closely work with the National Public Liaison Coordinator (or any other person appointed by the National Committee) and be willing to take direction when needed. I cannot ever see this happening if you were to be the Club's representative on VMAC. Roger Northam and the National Committee have always enjoyed a very close working relationship, facilitating information exchange and promulgating policy matters.

As you would fully realise, VMAC are charged with the wise spending of the Motorcycle Safety levee, as this is their only funding source. All VMAC members, by the very fact that they serve on this committee, demonstrate their support of the levee, for without the levee there can be no VMAC. One wonders then what your true reason would possibly be for your application to be a member, seeing you have constantly and vehemently opposed this levee.

In closing, the National Committee deems you to be totally unsuitable to serve on VMAC especially as a Ulysses Club representative. Your inclusion would only be divisive, disruptive and frustrate the good work already achieved by this very successful Council.

We do however thank you for your interest in this important position.

Yours Sincerely,

Neville Gray
National Vice President
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