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FOR THE MOTORCYCLE RIDERS' ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA INC.

The Federal Minister for Transport.
The Hon. Bob Brown MP.
251 Wharf Road,
Newcastle, NSW 2300

Dear Bob,

as you are probably aware I am no supporter of the Australian Motorcycle Council. The "lights-on" issue would never have been allowed to get this far if we had been represented by a competent, national lobby group.

You have been misled over lights-on and industry support for it by bureaucrats who like nice tame lobby groups. I would not care if it was a matter that did not have the potential to maim and kill riders, particularly novices. The entire ADR should be scrapped for all time so we can put our skill and energy into road safety education rather than continually having to defend ourselves against law-makers who have never ridden a motorcycle.

But the lights-on issue is not the reason I have written. While the AMC should have been defending us against dangerous rules it was busy taking legal action against motorcycling representatives. NTMA and MRAs QLD, NSW, VIC & TAS have all withdrawn from the AMC. To the best of my knowledge that just leaves FAM & Bikers Ltd in Sydney with MRAs ACT, SA & WA. hardly representative. The AMC cling to life by saying the federal government will not accept submissions from anyone outside the AMC. The "catch 22" clause in the constitution means that, as in our situation, honest groups cannot leave the AMC without being financially ruined. The entire organisation makes a mockery of real consultation with government.

But what really upset me was that I have been opposed to the AMC since 1983/'84 but MRAV rejoined after the AMC constitution was written and the previous administration ran up a membership bill over 5 years. The AMC waited until that administration was sacked, June '89, then proceeded against us. We took over to try to save MRAV from financial ruin in July. Edstien took legal action as you see on July 27. He took similar action against MRAQ and MRA NSW. This

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was against the vote of the then member groups of the AMC.
Edstien was ordered not to take legal action.

Now instead of sending the Small Claims Court paperwork through the post, or having it served at my address which he clearly had, he chose a more devious course.

The old MRA administration was based in Morwell, Victoria. We were not informed of the action in July. We were not given any chance to defend ourselves or dispute the claim. The papers were sent to Morwell. Not to the MRAV postal address or to my home/office. They know I do not have a social life to speak of and rarely take holidays yet Edstien chose this odd course.

Not a word reached us until last Friday night.

After driving a truck with MRA equipment and stock for 5 hours to a rally site in Gippsland I was served with the papers (copies attached) by a process server named Johnston who happened to reside in Morwell.

The Morwell administration of MRAV failed to supply us with records for the previous financial year. It is clear that funds and equipment are missing. Tax office inspectors are not happy though they find no fault with my administration. I do not yet know what the link between Edstien and the people in Morwell is but I intend to have these matters fully investigated.

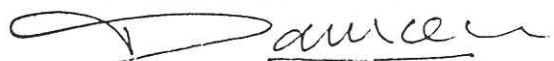
Further, I intend to fight the AMC through the legal system as far as it takes us. I honestly believe the AMC is not a fit organisation to represent the Australian motorcycle community to Government and I think Edstien should at last do the honourable thing and resign.

Representatives on Government committees should remain as motorcycling reps for the time being. A new group is being organised in response to this crisis. We have changed the name of MRAV back to its original title and are rebuilding the national body. I attach a copy.

To say I am disgusted with an organisation that hires a process server to masquerade as a motorcyclist and harrass me during one of the few breaks I get is a gross understatement. There was absolutely no need for this melodrama and why did it take 6 months?

I will take legal advice to see if there is any state or federal police action that can be taken.

Sincerely,



Damien Codognotto
MRA Australia Inc. President.

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CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

This to certify that THE MOTORCYCLE RIDERS' ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA INC.
FORMERLY AND SUCCESSIVELY CALLED THE MOTORCYCLE
RIDERS' ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA INC. AND THE MOTORCYCLE
RIDERS' ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA (VICTORIAN BRANCH) INC.

is on and from the 17TH FEBRUARY 1984

incorporated under the Associations Incorporation Act 1981.

Given under my hand at Melbourne this

29TH day of DECEMBER 1989



Deputy/Assistant Registrar of Incorporated Associations.