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**Petition opposing \$50 Levy**

It has come to the notice of the Motor Cycle Riders Association of Australia that the petition opposing the \$50 motorcycle levy and organised by Damien Condognotto has been wrongly attributed to the MRAA by some media outlets.

The MRAA would like to be known that, whilst the MRAA fully supports the aims and objectives of this petition and commends Mr Damien Codognotto OAM for his initiative, the credit for the instigation and organisation must go entirely to Mr Codognoto.

The MRAA board believes that this misunderstanding has come about because there continues to be an impression that Mr Codognoto speaks formally on behalf of this organisation. Although he is a highly valued Life Member of this organisation and continues to work diligently on behalf of motorcycling in general, the only official position currently held by Mr Codognotto is that of Blood Challenge co-ordinator. Any statements or media releases put out by Mr Codognoto on any other topic are solely his responsibility and should not be construed as being in any way to be reflective or representative of the MRAA board.

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