Have Your Say Outcome

Amendment to Ministerial
Order under the Motor Sports
Events Act 2022 – Mount
Panorama

December 2023



Background

In accordance with the Motor Sports Events Act 2022 (the Act), an amendment to the Ministerial Order was made publicly available from Monday, 30 October 2023 to 5:00pm to Friday, 17 November 2023 via the NSW Government Have your say webpage.

The consultation period was advertised in the Western Advocate public notices on 31 October 2023. Additionally, a link to the consultation was also available on the Office's Motor Sports Regulation webpage and the Office requested a link to the Have Your Say webpage to be available on the Bathurst Regional Council website during the consultation period.

In addition to the draft order being made publicly available, the Office of Sport also provided a 'Further Information document' relating to the amendment. A copy of this document can be downloaded <u>HERE</u>.

A total of 15 submissions relating to the consultation were received via the survey or via email to the Office of Sport. The Office of Sport collated submissions for the Minister for Sport's consideration.

How were submissions considered?

The Office of Sport collated submissions from the Have Your Say process for the Minister's consideration.

The Minister had also previously considered submissions relating to the original order, for which consultation took place between 29 May 2023 to 20 June 2023.

Consideration was given to:

- comments relating to the draft Order;
- comments relating to the gazettal process
- impacts on the community
- compliance with the legislation and the objects of the Act
- whether feedback could be addressed through the motor race authorisation process

Submissions received identified both positive support for motor race activities at Mount Panorama and feedback relating to the impact on community amenity.

Some feedback included in the submissions had already been addressed within the Further Information document, or may be addressed following gazettal of the Order and the issue of a motor race authorisation for the upcoming events.

To respond to feedback relating to Bathurst SuperFest circuit closures, Bathurst Regional Council (the promoter under the Act) and Supercars Australia (the event organiser) have agreed that no full-circuit closures will take place from Monday 19 February – Thursday 22 February (inclusive). This reduces the number of full-track closure days during the event period to six (previously seven under the original Order).

What was the outcome of the consultation?

Following consideration of feedback, the Minister for Sport approved the Order with no changes to the draft Order made publicly available through the consultation period.

The Order was gazetted on Friday, 8 December 2023.

A copy of the order can be found at https://gazette.legislation.nsw.gov.au/so/download.w3p?id=Gazette_2023_2023-566.pdf (Pages 41-42).

What happens next?

Following gazettal of the Order, Bathurst Regional Council (promoter of motor sport events at Mount Panorama under the Act) will be invited to submit an application for a motor race authorisation for the remaining two events (Bathurst SuperFest and the Bathurst 6 Hour).

The Minister, on the advice of the Office of Sport, may issue a motor race authorisation to the promoter.

The Minister may choose to issue a motor race authorisation subject conditions as outlined in Section 7 of the Act. Conditions will be considered upon receipt of the respective motor race authorisation applications for Bathurst SuperFest and the Bathurst 6 Hour.

Who can I contact for further information

Should you have further questions, you can contact the Office of Sport Major Sports Events Branch at events@sport.nsw.gov.au or 13 13 02.

Enquires about Bathurst SuperFest should be referred to either <u>Bathurst Regional Council</u> or Supercars Australia.

Enquiries about the Bathurst 6 Hour should be referred to either <u>Bathurst Regional Council</u> or the <u>Australian Racing Group</u>.

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