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The Hon. John Mickel MP
Minister for Transport, Trade, Employment and Industrial Relations
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Dear Minister,

Recently through our letterbox I received a copy of your correspondence dated the 26 February 2008 sent to Mr. Neil Laurie, The Clerk of the Queensland Parliament in response to a petition received concerning the Western Route of the proposed Gold Coast Rapid Transit System.

Whilst I appreciate the need to create a transport system for the Gold Coast that will cater for the current and future needs of the coast. I cannot understand why any plan does not include the critical infrastructure requirements for vehicle movement and the movement of commuters by the waterways like Brisbane and Sydney.

In your letter which appears to indicate your support for the concept design I note you mention on **three (3) separate occasions the need to protect the Gold Coast Lexmark Indy** which I find disturbing as the event only remains because of Queensland Government funding.

There is no guarantee the event will remain based on the down grading of the 2008 event by United States Motor Sports body and quite probably any continuation of the event will be withdrawn at the expiry of the current arrangement.

Based upon this possibility I cannot understand how you can provide planning support that will affect daily the lives of the residence of Paradise Waters for years to come on meeting the needs of a car racing event that requires millions of taxpayer dollars to ensure it remains.

The sad position is the Government has no control over whether the event will remain but you are prepared to base infrastructure design and expenditure that will last 50 years or longer on the Indy Event which has a very fragile future.

Yours faithfully

BRUCE HEDDITCH