



Hi to all 'Motorvate Melbourne' supporters.

We are now one month out from the November 27<sup>th</sup> State election so this is one of your last opportunities to influence Government in their considerations.

We should celebrate that 'Motorvate Melbourne' (that's you) has helped to raise the ANDRA Melbourne Drag Racing venue profile to the point where the Premier has publically said that the Government will find a solution for Drag Racing. This would never have happened without the work done by the ANDRA project team and your support since 2006.

All that remains is to ensure that the Government picks the best option for all of you. It is clear that most of you support the ANDRA Proposal because the venue would be held forever by the Drag Racing sanctioning body and not by a private landowner that can do what they want when they want. That's their right, as they privately own the land however that's been proven not to be in the interests of the sport and racers.

Many of you are likely to be very frustrated if the State Government gave a Private owner, public funds to improve an old venue when there is no guarantee that racers will have access to a good venue into future decades.

The ANDRA Melbourne Project Team has given us a statement that we have attached for you to read.

'The Motorvate Melbourne team supports ANDRA, however most of us see that if the Government don't choose the ANDRA proposal then we are back to where we were 10 years ago after Calder Park closed its doors to ANDRA Championship Drag Racing.

We share your frustration as we all just want to race our cars but a long-term solution is what we all really want. This is really a once in a lifetime opportunity to have Government build a new ANDRA venue.

**What we want you to do during late October.**

**Write a letter or email to;**

**The Hon. James MERLINO, MP**  
Minister for Sport and Recreation  
Level 7, 1 Spring Street, Melbourne Vic 3000  
Phone 03 9208 3805  
Email: [james.merlino@parliament.vic.gov.au](mailto:james.merlino@parliament.vic.gov.au)



Use your own words to ask the Minister to support the ANDRA Melbourne Drag Racing proposal over any other options. Your email or letter must not be a form letter but should be your position. One page but no more than 2 pages.

- ANDRA is the sanctioning body for Drag Racing in Australia as delegated by FIA /CAMS.
- ANDRA is a 'not for profit' body and its proposal will ensure that Drag racing has a home in Melbourne forever.
- If the Government chooses other options, it would be give tax payers funds to private landowners than give funding to private owners.
- These private landowners have emerged when it became clear that Government may provide some funding to bring ANDRA Championship Drag Racing back to Melbourne.
- ANDRA is the best solution because it is low risk for Government as it is a 'once off' cost with the ANDRA funding all maintenance and operational costs.
- The ANDRA solution is more than ANDRA Championship Drag Racing. It is a complex including a many motor enthusiast activities and club activities.
- It also has an 'Attitude Change' driver training area to educate youth from school ages to adults.
- The ANDRA proposal also opens the venue on a regular program of weekly events where youth can try out their cars and Motorcycles in a safe, controlled and legal environment.
- The ANDRA proposal creates many jobs.
- The ANDRA proposal has an economic impact of \$190m pa economic impact.
- The cost to Government is \$38m for a 'once only' cost as the operations and maintenance of the venue are covered by the Motor sport activities.

In summary,

It's ok to say that your vote depends on a commitment for the ANDRA Drag Racing proposal.

Make sure you get your family and friends to write to the Minister for Sport.

Your Voice .... Your Venue.

**Motorvate Melbourne.**