

**Submission
No. 43**

DRIVER EDUCATION, TRAINING AND ROAD SAFETY

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The Chair
Joint Committee on Road Safety
Via email staysafe@parliament.nsw.gov.au

Dear Committee Members,

RE: Inquiry into driver education, training and road safety

CASAR Park is a proposed community motor sport and driver training facility planned for the Central Coast of NSW. Founded in 2010, this unique Not-for-profit social enterprise project takes an innovative approach to all aspects of our operations, including our approach to driver training facilities.

Using the Staysafe Committee *Report on Young Driver Safety & Education Programs* (November 2008) as a key reference tool, together with detailed considerations of economic sustainability, our proposal includes a unique Simulated Driving Environment to deliver driver education programs. This is to be contrasted with “Advanced” and “Defensive” training facilities which are “*unlikely to address the real issues of...novice driver involvement in road crashes*” (para 6.7).

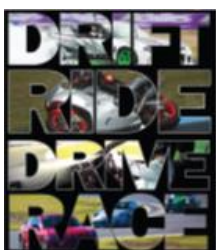
Our Simulated Driving Environment starts out life as a 700m long and 7m wide go-kart circuit. This circuit includes both straights and corners of various radii, and will require the driver (or rider) to effectively manage acceleration, cornering and braking in a variety of conditions. The internal section of the circuit will incorporate intersections with stop, give way and roundabouts providing the driver with opportunities to test safe distance and intersection decision making in a realistic, yet controlled environment. The facility can operate at night under regulated lighting, or with strategically placed water on the surface.

For our submission, we ask that the committee recommends the development of at least one Simulated Driving Environment in the State, to enable the rapid development of realistic experience for novice drivers (of any age) and the safe delivery of refresher training.


Yours sincerely,



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