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In my capacity as President of the QHMC I'm writing to all affiliated clubs to clarify recent events surrounding the council's review of SIVS registration requirements, which I am aware has caused a degree of concern to some clubs.

The background to this matter is that in 2010 the QHMC surveyed affiliated clubs to determine if there was a need to lobby for changes to the Queensland's SIVS registration requirements. The majority of respondents reported that they were happy with the current system while a significant number wanted some change. A very small number wanted a log book system, as has been introduced in Victoria and some other states.

This matter stayed on the council's agenda and over time, for whatever reason, took on the appearance that the council was supportive of change. It was even suggested that the council was in fact sympathetic to the minority view and that it was acting without the consent of the majority of member clubs. Re-reading some of the earlier council comments relating to this I can see how this impression may have been formed.

As a result of correspondence and concerns from a number of clubs during the first half of 2012 the council's management committee confirmed that it would not pursue change to Queensland's SIV Scheme. Instead, it was decided that a fact finding review of the various state schemes should be conducted. This decision was based on a suggestion that there could be moves towards national registration requirements. A sub-committee was therefore set up to conduct this review.

The SIVS review concluded on September 27, 2012, when the sub-committee handed in its report. By now your club will have received a copy and I trust it has been passed onto your club's management committee and members.

I'm aware that there has been a level of disquiet amongst a number of clubs about the potential implications of changes to the current SIVS arrangements, and a number of clubs formally voiced their concerns about this matter.

I want to assure all clubs that apart from communicating the results of the review to stakeholders and interested parties, the QHMC will be taking no further action on this matter. Nor will it lobby for change to SIVS unless the majority of affiliated clubs request a specific change or changes, or, there are genuine moves to introduce national registration and usage requirements for Special Interest vehicles. In short, this matter has been dealt with, no further action is warranted, and it is now closed. I trust this statement will allay any concerns your members may have.

What is clear to me though is that there is a broader communications issue within the council, as, in spite of what club members read into QHMC statements, the management committee had

determined some months ago not to pursue change and instead conduct a fact finding review of the various schemes. The communications issue is something I'm now very conscious of and I intend to make sure that we don't experience a repeat performance while I'm President.

I thank the clubs and their members for their interest in this matter and want to particularly thank those who made the effort to communicate their concerns. The QHMC exists to serve the interests of its members, and while this issue may have caused concern to some, I'd rather receive negative feedback from member clubs than no feedback at all. At least I then know that someone is taking an interest in what the council is doing. Such feedback guides the management committee in determining appropriate courses of action.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to reiterate that the council is a servant of its member clubs. It should not, and will not, lobby for change to such matters of its own volition. Any action of this type the council takes must be guided entirely by the wishes of the majority of its member clubs.

Please also remember that the council can't represent you properly if we never hear from you.

Yours faithfully,

Graham Allum.