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THE PARTNERSHIP

NEWCASTLE 500

DESTINATION NSW
SUPERCARS AUSTRALIA
NEWCASTLE CITY COUNCIL



DNSW: A GOVERNMENT AGENCY WITH ITS OWN COMMERCIAL FUNCTION...TO FACILITATE & PROMOTE MAJOR EVENTS IN NSW

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH SUPERCARS AUSTRALIA: A PRIVATE CORPORATION PROMOTING THE AUSTRALIA-WIDE SUPERCAR MOTOR RACING SERIES.



DNSW lobbied Newcastle City Council (NCC) on behalf of Supercars Australia to stage the finale of the V8 series in Newcastle.



DNSW did not act with proper transparency when lobbying NCC. The deal was done in secret. It does not appear to have presented NCC with a business plan based on a cost/benefit analysis. Rather, in pursuing its own agenda to find somewhere other than Homebush for the race, it relied on grossly exaggerated attendance figures and TV audiences given to it by Supercars.

This approach to promoting motor racing events has been scathingly criticised by Auditor Generals in 4 states - Victoria, NSW, Canberra and Queensland as well as the Auditor-General in Hamilton N.Z. In all these events, costs have greatly blown out, and been subsidised by governments and local councils.

DNSW and Supercars Australia gave out misleading information that they were in a PARTNERSHIP with NCC. The Lord Mayor has also referred to the arrangement between these bodies as a 'partnership' arrangement.



DNSW has sole authority to oversee the event through a special act of parliament, the Newcastle 500 Motor Racing Amendment Bill, passed 14th Feb 2017. This Bill swept aside regulations others must abide by. What does DNSW know about running a motor race?

The Act also weakened the usual consultation procedures. Residents and small businesses severely impacted by this event have had NO opportunity to influence major decisions.

The fact that the Coalition Government so vehemently dismissed any independent body to be set up to approve this event in its current location, and removed any opportunity for the community to challenge this circuit being built in such a dangerous and inappropriate location, is testimony to their absolute contempt for the RIGHTS OF RESIDENTS, BUSINESS OWNERS & EMPLOYEES living and working in Newcastle East.

