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Tuesday, June 28 th. 1983.

M.R.A. Victoria.

The Committee.

Dear Committee,

I believe that the M.R.A. National Conference at the weekend has destroyed any chance of the M.R.A. becoming a National or International Body for the good of motorcycling.

The Conference set up M.R.A. Australia which is a name only. It has a ridiculous financial arrangement that would not see Victoria through one month's operations.

M.R.A. Australia has no central membership listing because parochial interests would not trust the operators of the M.R.A.'s only owned computer to hold those listings in confidence.

It has no uniform Constitution or methods of operation, although they say this will come. When? 5 months or five years?

The member groups still have the power to act independantly even if it means that a state with 300 members can damage a state with thousands of members.

However, the main reason for my resignation is that Victoria is the only state with proffessional staff and their future is no longer secure. It would only take a majority vote in January at the next Conference to destroy most of the services built up for Victorian members. Moves were made last weekend to takeover the business interests of M.R.A. Victoria. I believe that it is only a matter of time before amateur and parochial interests to our north make such moves. Therefore, to protect my own livelyhood, I must look for a job and I doubt it will be in this state.

I have given 6 years of my life for the M.R.A. and I do not intend to play a part in setting up an organization that is doomed to failure as previous such groups have been.

Other states newsletters have printed blatant untruths about this Branch and letters of reply have been either not printed or followed by editorial comment that made me out to be a liar.

The A.M.C. has accused me of 'usurping' its position and causing the collapse of a Federal Government Committee amongst other things. I do not expect an apology.

My resignation from the M.R.A. will be effective from July 12 th.

A.C.T., New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia, D. COGNOTTO
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It's those who ride decide *Dominic*

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Australian Motorcycle Council.

Dear Sir,

I hereby give 2 weeks notice of my resignation as M.R.A. Victoria's Delegate to the A.M.C. This resignation will be effective 2 weeks from the above date ie. Tuesday, July 12 th.

I believe that I have been wrongly accused of causing the closure of the Federal Government's P.A.C.E.R.S. motorcycle sub committee through alleged 'unorthodox methods'. I most strongly deny this. There was only one meeting held and I wore a collar and tie. Of the 7 or so hours of discussion, my input would not have exceeded 20 minutes. The bulk of discussion was on Peter LeGrand's submission on a Federal Motorcycle pamphlet that after 2 years has not seen a graphic artist let alone a printer. I did not cause the closure of the sub committee.

I also believe that I have been wrongly accused of trying to 'usurp' the A.M.C. by using M.R.A. Australia. I have always said that I wanted nothing to do with M.R.A. Australia other than to see it set up properly.

It is with great sadness that I tender this resignation. I deny any of the accusations made against me and I believe that any person of honour would prove the allegations or apologise in writing.

Damien Codognotto.



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