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Dear Sirs

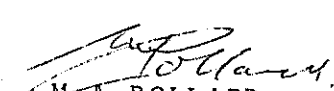
YOUR REF: JBG:KL 83:1113:M

I refer to your letter of 10 July 1985 concerning costs in the Separation Bars case. Your letter enclosed a copy of a report from "The Age" newspaper which unfortunately conveys a misleading impression concerning separation bars.

I enclose a copy of the official News Release dated 8 July 1985 which makes it clear that there is no basis for the request contained in your letter.

I shall proceed to tax costs unless I have a satisfactory response to my estimate within seven days.

Yours faithfully


M. A. POLLARD
SOLICITOR

Encl

8th July 1985.

FAIRWAY SYSTEM TO BE EXPANDED

Melbourne's Fairway System will be expanded to improve the flow of trams and motor vehicles.

Transport Minister, Mr. Tom Roper, said today the Fairway System would be introduced into Bourke Street and completed on the inner suburban tram routes connecting to Bourke Street.

"An assessment of the existing Fairways has indicated that the potential benefits of the System are significant," Mr. Roper said.

Evaluation surveys have been carried out on the East and West Preston routes and the North Balwyn route.

"On the West Preston and East Preston routes, peak hour average tram running times have improved by up to 10 per cent," Mr. Roper said.

"Freer flowing trams has resulted in a more reliable service being provided to commuters."

RACV before and after surveys have shown that tram operations have improved without detriment to car travel conditions.

The wider use of 'hook-turns' in the city has improved the flow of trams and vehicles through intersections.

"Turning vehicles no longer stop across tram lines and block trams and through traffic lanes.

The surveys revealed that many part-time tram lanes were ignored by motorists and vehicles often encroached onto tram tracks.

"I have called on the Road Traffic Authority to carry out a thorough survey of the operational aspects of the Fairway System.

"This will highlight the System's strong points and enable trouble spots to be modified."

"But before the survey, we need to complete the System to ensure we have an accurate picture of what is happening.

"The Fairway System will be installed in Bourke Street and connected to the West Preston (Nicholson Street) route," Mr. Roper said.

"Separation bars will not be installed in Bourke Street because of the relatively low traffic volumes and city mall. Instead, a yellow Fairway line, reflectorized markers and signs will be installed.

"If motorist demand for the bars, then separation bars may have to be installed."

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Works to complete the East Preston, West Preston, East Brunswick and North Balwyn routes will be carried out over the next three months.

Alterations to traffic signals and safety zones and minor roadworks are needed at some locations.

"Any traffic control system needs an element of enforcement," Mr. Roper said.

"The assistance of the Police and Council traffic officers is being sought to help ensure both trams and cars get a fair go."

Experience has shown that some confusion exists on 'part-time' Fairway sections. As a result some of the part-time sections will be removed.

"Vehicles are now able to cross the yellow Fairway lines when passing parked vehicles and large trucks are allowed to turn across the lines.

The RTA has been requested to investigate a system to allow motorists to make full use of the road, but allow them to move out of the way of trams.

A public awareness campaign will be on Tuesday, 9th July, to inform tram commuters and motorists of the benefits of the Fairway System.

The Road Traffic Authority campaign will run for about four weeks and involve newspaper advertisements, a 30 second TV commercial and a Fairway System handout. The estimated cost of the campaign is \$270,000.

The current Fairway System is:

West Preston Route

Collins Street
Macarthur Street
Gisborne Street
Victoria Parade
Brunswick Street
St. Georges Road
Gilbert Road to Regent Street

East Preston Route

Bourke Street
Part of Spring Street
Nicholson Street
Gertrude Street
Smith Street
Queen. Parade
Hath Street
Pienty Road to Boldwood Parade

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East Brunswick Route

Bourke Street
Part of Spring Street
Nicholson Street to Intersection with
Blyth/Arthurton Streets

Flemington Road

Along Flemington Road from Elizabeth Street to
start of Tullamarine Freeway

North Balwyn Route

Wellington Parade
Bridge Road
Church Street
High Street to intersection of Doncaster
and Balwyn Roads

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1st August, 1985

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Dear Damien,

RE: Supreme Court Proceedings - Payment of R.T.A.'s costs

Further to our recent letter in regard to the payment of the Road Traffic Authority's costs as ordered, we enclose for your attention copy letter dated 29th July, 1985 with attached press release.

We attempted to avoid payment of the costs on the grounds of the article published in the Age suggesting that the separation bars would be removed and a yellow fairway line and reflectorised markers would be replacing them. As you will see from the press release, this is not their intention.

It is our opinion that the costs and disbursements at the total sum of \$5,750.00 as submitted is more than reasonable. If you do not accept to pay them this amount, they will prepare a formal bill of costs and have the same taxed before a Master of the Supreme Court which will incur further expenses and will result in a higher figure being obtained.

We would therefore recommend payment at the sum of \$5,750.00.

Kindly please provide your written instructions that you consent to payment of costs at this sum together with your written instructions as to the manner in which payment is to be made.

A copy of this letter has been sent through to Mr Andrew Luck, Treasurer of the Association.

Yours faithfully,
GURRY & CO.

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Enc.



THE MOTORCYCLE RIDERS' ASSOCIATION
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18TH AUG. 1985.

BRYAN S. GURRY & CO.
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Dear Sir,

regarding your letter of
August 1st., reference SBG:JE 83/1113/M
I agree to pay the R.T.A.'s costs
in relation to our Supreme Court
Proceedings.

I understand the total R.T.A.
cost in this matter are \$5,750.

Sincerely

D. CODOGNOTTO.