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Dear Damien,

1 Your comments in the last issue re Greg Hirst hurt just a bit. It is true that Greg, as chairman of the NSWMCC is the visible leader of the MCC in public interviews etc. I would point out however that the MCC consists of 3 groups, Bikers Ltd. FAM and us. All policy is decided by the group and then Greg, as Chairman has the job of putting it forward in the public arena. He is not the only lobbyist in NSW, he is the one who gets the publicity.

2 As you know I took over MRA NSW Ltd. in October last year and inherited numerous problems, many of which have been overcome in the short time I have held the reins. Fortunately or otherwise my philosophy is that if you are doing a job just for the cudos or the publicity, then you shouldn't be doing it.

3 An example of what I am trying to say, is the MCC's reply to the David Hill Rider Training proposal. The Council's stand on the issue is a mirror of the stand of MRA NSW, in fact it was our initiative which the council adopted. Copies of our response, the only one to be compiled within the deadline, were sent to all the Bike magazines and yourself. The result is, that whilst MRA NSW has put in the work, no one, yourself included, deemed it prudent to give our views any public airing.

4 MRA NSW is quietly going about the setting up of Rider Training Centres throughout the State. We currently have Centres operating in Newcastle, Gosford, Penrith and very shortly will be in Tamworth. The setting up of these Centres has been made possible only with the assistance of the NSW RTA, sundry local Politicians and the Minister of Transport. Negotiations have been delicate, but in the main successful. This is the type of lobbying which has been going on for several months and that nobody hears about.

5 One of the biggest problems I inherited was that of MRA NSW's credibility. Indeed one of the States biggest bike groups just knocked back a deal, beneficial to both Organisations, because they did not like the image of MRA NSW and our black T-Shirts. With this sort of problem the last thing I need is for MRA's only national journalistic friend to start pushing our nose in it.

6 I am not asking that you stop doing what you feel you should just that if you have nothing constructive to say then please don't say anything. My job is difficult enough:

7 As for yourself running for Vic Branch President for God's sake just do it. I could certainly do with some expert advice and together we can't the bloody job done.

Yours sincerely,

  
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**let those who ride decide**