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April 26, 2011

Motorcycle Riders' Association Victoria  
The President  
Grant Delahoy

Thank you for your letter, received April 19, 2011, regarding trademarks and lawyers and damages. I note you have not replied to our letter to you dated February 23, 2011. Copy attached.

I designed the image and prepared the artworks for the wedge tailed eagle logo and the MRA in the map of Australia logo in the 1980s and 1990s. I used both logos extensively, still do. I retained copyright but gave the Motorcycle riders' Association (MRA) permission to use those logos. That permission is hereby withdrawn which causes no problem since the MRA no longer uses either logo.

As I understand it, there are MRA's incorporated separately in WA, SA and Victoria, with two in Queensland and three in Tasmania.

I will continue with my application to register my eagle logo as a trade mark.

The question MRA members need to ask is, by what authority do you plan to spend their funds on trademarks and lawyers to secure the exclusive use of a logo and name. And, you claim to have turned the MRA from a political lobby group to a social club. That claimed change was effected by a show of hands by less than 50 people (of a claimed 640 financial members) at the Keilor Hotel on March 18, 2011. That was not a mandate for either a fundamental change in the nature of the MRA nor to spend members' money on legal actions.

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