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Author's involvement in Australian Drag Racing:

Current ANDRA Steward and Technical Inspector (SA06), former competitor in Junior Dragster

Regulations Proposed Amendment affects:

ACR 4.17 (Technical Inspections), also impacting ACR 2.6 (Vehicle Log Books)

Currently, the ACR states:

"...The 'Office Copy' of a current and completed Technical Inspection form must be forward to Head Office when applying/renewing a vehicles Log Book. Technical Inspection labels will be forwarded to vehicle owners only if these procedures have been followed..."

Proposed Amendment:

*"...The 'Office Copy' of a current and completed Technical Inspection form must be forward to Head Office when applying/renewing a vehicles Log Book. Technical Inspection labels will be forwarded to **the Technical Inspector, who will affix the label to the vehicle** only if these procedures have been followed..."*

Reasons why the Amendment Should Be Considered:

I believe that this leaves ANDRA open to possible dishonest practices, which may enable an uninspected and non-complying vehicle to gain access to competition events. Under the current situation, there is nothing to stop a competitor affixing a legitimately obtained label to a non-complying vehicle. If this non-complying vehicle is involved in a major incident this leaves ANDRA and associated personnel open to possible legal action. Additionally, I have seen some competitors where the Technical Inspection label is affixed to the Vehicle Log Book not the vehicle in question.

Does the amendment protect safety of participants, spectators and officials?:

This will help ensure that all vehicles competing in ANDRA competition have been through the required checking procedure. This amendment, coupled with the incoming rules on Homologation of

roll cages (ACR 4.14.1) and the requirement within that ACR for a manufacturers' serial number to be on all new vehicles will help the standard of construction of vehicles competing at ANDRA events to remain high.

Is the Amendment a positive step for the sport?:

The amendment is a positive step forward for Australian Drag Racing. In years past the only person who had authority to fix a Technical Inspection label to a competition vehicle was an authorised Technical Inspector. This authority has been removed with the new procedure where the Log Book and Technical Inspection labels are sent directly to the competitor/vehicle owner. While I have no reason to believe that any competitors have been using the current system dishonestly, this Amendment will ensure that the vehicle competing is the same vehicle that the Log Book and Technical Inspection label was issued to.

Impact on competition:

The impact of this Amendment on competition will be negligible. The impact of this Amendment in a major incident could be large if an un-inspected vehicle is carrying an illegally affixed label.

Enforceability:

The enforcement of this rule would be on the authorised Technical Inspector to ensure they affix the label to the correct vehicle.

Cost of Compliance:

The cost of this amendment will be negligible for competitors. As the label would now be sent to the Technical Inspector, additional postage will be incurred by ANDRA Technical for this purpose, and additional transportation costs would be applicable for the authorised Technical Inspector; although the Technical Inspector should incorporate this in the fee they may charge the competitor (ACR 4.17).

Thankyou for considering this proposal. I would be pleased to assist should you wish to discuss further.

Kind Regards

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