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Dear Mr Ireland

I refer to your letter of 23 March 2019 to the Premier of Victoria, the Hon Daniel Andrews MP, about a drag racing facility in Avalon. Your correspondence has been referred to the Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events, the Hon Martin Pakula MP. The Minister has asked me to thank you for your correspondence and respond on his behalf. I apologise for the delay in responding.

I appreciate your commitment to drag racing in Victoria. I understand that high quality facilities are integral to ensuring the Victorian community and industry have safe and suitable access to motor sport opportunities.

The Victorian Government has committed \$7.4 million over four years in the 2019-20 Victorian Budget for the Racing into a New Era for Motor Sport program. This funding is being provided to upgrade motor sport tracks, support young motor sport participants and encourage more women and girls to get involved in motor sport. Of this commitment, \$500,000 has been allocated towards upgrades at the Geelong Motor Sports Complex.

The Victorian Government is also contributing \$150,000 towards the development of a business case for a potential multipurpose motor sport facility at Fiskville, Moorabool Shire. The Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions (DJPR) is working with the Confederation of Australian Motor Sport to develop the business case which will consider facilities for a range of motor sport disciplines, including drag racing.

I hope this information has been of assistance to you.

If you require further information, please contact Mr Luke Mason, Acting Director, State Facilities, Major Projects and Camps of DJPR on telephone (03) 9096 9860 or email luke.mason@sport.vic.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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