



Strath Creek Road, Broadford, Victoria

SOUND – NOISE LEVELS AND TESTING AT THE BROADFORD COMPLEX

There has been some discussion and confusion around what the noise level restriction is for the Broadford complex and how the testing is carried out.

1. The complex must operate within the limits set out in its planning permit.
2. This limit is set at **95db**.
3. Any other limits, EPA, the Sport and other venues are not relevant unless they are lower than 95db.
4. All tracks and machines on the venue are subject to sound testing.
5. The Mitchell shire have provided designated points for this testing. (see attached map)
6. Our testing is done by qualified officials, in the correct manner and in accordance with what is set out in the complex planning permit.
7. Any machine found to be in excess of this limit **MUST** be removed from the track. ie: Historics, Racing, Private Practice, Recreational events, sidecars, cars, Karts
8. If the machine cannot be fixed it is not permitted to return to the track.

These measures must be taken seriously so that local residents can also enjoy their home environment without excessive noise or interference from our complex.

True & False:

- The complex was there first, they have no right to complain: **False**, we are required by law to abide by the council planning permit for the complex.
- The testing should be done as per the Manual of Motorcycle sport: **False**, the testing is to done in accordance with the requirements of the Mitchell Shire planning permit.
- Race bikes are always over the 95db: **False**, our testing shows that the vast majority of race bikes are well within the 95db.
- More noise makes my bike go faster: **False**, the lap record for the road circuit was recently broken with a bike well under the 95db.
- What's with the new rules: **False**, we have always done sound testing at all events and any vehicles testing over 95db have been removed from the tracks.
- Other venues don't test for noise: **False**, other venues have similar restrictions.
- The testing is not done right: **False**, venues often use a 30M drive by method of testing at 95db while the sport uses a stationary test at 98db. (Results are effectively the same, if a vehicle fails the 30M drive by test it will also fail the 98db stationary test). The method of testing is set by each Council.

Testing Process:

- Qualified testers will use calibrated equipment at regular intervals during the day to test the sound levels.
- Additional testing will be done if staff believe a higher than permitted vehicle is on track.
- The officials of the event will be notified of any offending vehicles.
- The officials of the event will be required to remove the vehicle from the track.
- Offending vehicles will only be permitted to return to the track if it has taken sufficient measures to make the vehicle comply with the 95db limit.
- Offending vehicles/persons will be recorded, repeat offenders will not have access to the venue.

No refunds will be given if the bike cannot and does not comply. It is the responsibility of the bike owner to ensure compliance. All monies forfeited if they do not meet the noise restrictions.