

INVITATION

Public meeting to discuss the impact of a proposed major motorsports complex in the Barrabool Hills

7.00 pm, Monday 14 September,

Barrabool Cricket Club Rooms, 20 Cochranes Road, Ceres

The State Government, the City of Greater Geelong and the Surf Coast Shire have allocated more than \$2 million to support the purchase of land as part of a multistage development of a major regional motorsports complex in the Barrabool Hills. The total project cost is \$7.9 million.

The complex will cover 300 acres adjacent to working farms and residences. Media reports suggest it will be used 4 days per week. There are concerns that it will generate large amounts of traffic through Ceres and Barrabool, noise, dust and litter and have a very significant adverse effect on the environment, farming businesses and community wellbeing.

There was no community consultation prior to the announcement of government support, even though the proposal is contrary to the current planning scheme. A rezoning application is now being processed by Surf Coast Shire.

The purpose of the meeting is to inform the community of what we know about the proposal and to develop a strategy to ensure our MPs and councillors hear our concerns prior to further funding being allocated or a planning amendment being approved.

Please call the Barrabool Rural Protection Group (phone 03 4201 0270) to register your interest.

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