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IS RACQ TURNING MT COTTON INTO A RACETRACK?
It is important for RACQ that all commercial based activities must be for the benefit of the community to further driver training, research, testing, knowledge and awareness within a facility that is state of the art and world class. It is also important to note that RACQ has no intention, now or in the future, to utilise this facility for any motor racing purposes.

WILL THE CENTRE TURN INTO AN RACQ MEMBER ONLY FACILITY?
RACQ is committed to ensure that all appropriate segments of the community continue to have access to the Centre now and into the future. There will be events that directly relate to RACQ and its members, however, there is no intent to restrict Government and the community from accessing the Centre where overall utilisation requirements align.

HOW DOES RACQ’S PURCHASE OF MT COTTON IMPACT MY BUSINESS?
RACQ will meet with existing commercial hirers of the Centre to discuss their current business requirements and needs. RACQ is committed to ensuring that all Centre activities operate within the Centre’s code of conduct and procedures and align to the overall strategy of safer drivers, in safer vehicles on safer roads.

WHICH AREAS OF THE FACILITY WILL RACQ BE INVESTING WITHIN THE CENTRE?
Part of the stakeholder engagement process will be to discuss specific needs and requirements of stakeholders into the future. This will allow RACQ to prioritise how it will develop the site to ensure the Centre is enhanced to world class standards, focusing on safety and other mobility proving ground activities.

IS IT RACQ’S INTENTION TO REDEVELOP THE SITE INTO A HOUSING ESTATE IN THE FUTURE?
RACQ is committed to the Centre remaining as a centre of excellence for driver education and safety and mobility testing and research now and into the future.

IF YOU INTEND TO INCREASE THE USAGE OF THE CENTRE THERE WILL NO DOUBT BE AN INCREASE IN NOISE THAT WILL IMPACT ON THE NEIGHBOURHOOD. HOW WILL YOU ADDRESS THIS?
RACQ will work with both the hirers of the Centre and the local community to ensure the facility operates within the required and allowable legal noise limits. Where a member of the community believes the Centre is operating outside of these limits a formal disputes resolution process will be implemented to address these concerns. Additionally, future mobility activities within the Centre will be further supported by acoustic noise reducing infrastructure, with future transportation and mobility options also changing.
IS MT COTTON A STRATEGIC ASSET FOR THE QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT?

The RACQ Group has acquired the Mount Cotton Driver Training Centre previously owned and operated by the Queensland Government through Department of Transport and Main Roads.

The Mt Cotton site is not a strategic asset, as the site is not integral to the strategic direction of the Queensland Government. Instead, the delivery of driver safety initiatives can best be achieved and deliver the community benefits and objectives by RACQ.

The Queensland Government and RACQ have a shared vision to reduce the road toll in Queensland with a jointly held core commitment to deliver to the community a broad range of road safety initiatives through innovative, educational and practical driving programmes.

The focus of the Centre is to promote driver education and safety and worlds best practices which aims to deliver a positive impact by reducing road accidents, injuries and deaths.