

# Media Release

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## LABOR BACKS PHILLIP ISLAND FOR MOTOGP

The Australian Motorcycle Grand Prix is synonymous with Phillip Island, and Victoria is proud to support it.

Today the Allan Labor Government ruled out a request from Dorna Sports to move the event from Phillip Island to Albert Park.

As regional Australia's biggest international sporting event, the Motorcycle GP brings tens of thousands of visitors to Phillip Island every year. It's good for tourism, good for local businesses, and good for jobs.

Victoria has agreed to contribute additional funding to help Dorna Sports create a bigger, better event beyond 2026 but only on the condition that the event remains at Phillip Island.

Phillip Island is the home of MotoGP. It has held the event 29 times. It is an iconic circuit with a magnificent history.

We are looking forward to another fantastic event in October.

**Quote attributable to Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events Steve Dimopoulos**

*"Phillip Island is the home of the Australian Motorcycle Grand Prix, and we are proud to support it."*

**Quote attributable to Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale**

*"Labor will always fight for the Bass Coast. The race and the benefits it brings are important for the region."*