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Once again Clipsal is upon us and those of us who live within earshot of the track are no doubt searching for our earmuffs or perhaps preparing to flee the city for the duration of the event. Many SECRA members have expressed their deep concern at the increasing size and length of the Clipsal circus and annoyance at the cavalier way in which the Clipsal organisers treat the Parklands and the amenity of the residents who live around Victoria Park. We may be tempted to believe that Clipsal appears to be beneficial for the State but why not locate it at a more suitable venue such as Virginia Speedway or the Mallala racetrack? David Plumridge, Chairperson

WHAT IS THE TRUE COST OF CLIPSAL – QUESTIONS THAT SHOULD BE ANSWERED ??

*Clipsal, the Greatest V8 Supercar race in the World, is always reported on in glowing terms
Much is made of the many millions of dollars the race allegedly brings into the State.*

But what is on the other side of the ledger, what are some of the hidden 'costs' of Clipsal that are never brought into the bottom line? Here are a few, just for starters.....

- What fees are paid to Council for use of the Parklands? (Glendi pays \$10,000 for a weekend)
- What compensation is paid to SAJC for loss of use of their facilities?
- What is the impact on the Parklands? – has an Environmental Impact Statement ever been done? Indeed, does the EPA have any jurisdiction over Clipsal activities? If not, why not?
- How does the government justify turning Victoria Park into an Industrial Zone for 4 months of the year with fencing, sheds, endless truck movements, storage of fuels and all the rest of it?
- What is the \$ value of time lost to residents and businesses by road closures?
- What is the long-term impact on the flora and fauna of Victoria Park and indeed what value should be placed on the biodiversity of this major area of our Parklands?
- What is the extent of noise damage and loss of amenity to residents in the vicinity of Victoria park? * Is it even worth considering? * Does anyone really care?
- Why should we have to put up with helicopters continuously overflying our homes?
- What are the O H and S implications for the hearing loss of employees at Clipsal?
- Why can't the 'bump in' and 'bump out' times be reduced? This year it began on 2nd January.
- Has the Minister ever used his powers under the SA Motor Sport Act to declare a shorter period for the event? If not, why not? Has the Council ever intervened?
- Why is Clipsal allowed to display 3rd Party advertising in the Parklands for a period of nearly 3 months, completely contrary to the provisions of the Development Act?
- Why does the State encourage the profligate use of fossil fuels and the glorification of speed?
- What is the impact of Clipsal on the incidence of hoon-driving and the state's ever-increasing road toll?

Do you have any other questions? Are you concerned about the impact of Clipsal? If so, please let us know. Contact SECRA at the places listed below. Visit our website and read about the 'plans to develop Victoria Park as a permanent home for motor racing'.

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