

The



Rally

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The Director,
Forestry Branch,
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Canberra.

Dear Mr. Edgerly,

This club has embarked on the promotion of a rather ambitious event which will be centred around Canberra. The above sponsor has guaranteed \$2000 for the rally and we are hopeful that the Canberra Tourist Bureau will promote the event as a tourist attraction.

As we wish to make extensive use of the forests under your jurisdiction I would like to make this preliminary approach for an approval in principle of the event. I feel that the matter is really too complex to be discussed in detail by letter so I will be contacting your office for an appointment to see you in the next few days. The purpose of this letter is to give you some background information.

The rally will be classified as a National Open event and will be restricted to the top 40 crews in Australia. It will be different from other Australian rallies in that it will be based on the famous R.A.C. rally of Britain. This means that the cars will be timed to the second (as opposed to the minute as at present) and will involve a good deal of daylight running to allow spectators to watch the rally in progress and T.V. crews to televise certain competitive sections.

It is in this latter area that we require your approval and assistance. We will need, for safety's sake, to be able to close off certain parts of the forests (Pierces Creek and possibly Stromlo) to the public on the Saturday and Sunday afternoons of the event. We appreciate that this will cause some inconvenience but it is only for these two short periods.

In the past we have always approached the individual foresters for approval, but for something such as this we feel that your approval in principle, before approaching the foresters. Of course, as in the past we would work closely with them to avoid logging areas etc.

I hope you will consider this matter favourably as we are really keen to promote this event as a rally that is unique to Canberra, and one which will eventually be upgraded to a round of the World Rally Championship.

This is a broad outline, I will be able to supply you with more details and answer any questions when I am able to speak to you personally.

Yours faithfully,

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