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V8 SUPERCAR LEGENDS WELCOMED AHEAD OF SYDNEY NRMA 500

NSW Deputy Premier and Minister for Tourism and Major Events Troy Grant today welcomed V8 Supercar legends Marcos Ambrose and Jamie Whincup to Sydney ahead of this weekend's Sydney NRMA 500 – the grand finale of the 2014 V8 Supercars Championship.

The Sydney NRMA 500 will see the superstars of the race track – representing Ford, Holden, Nissan, Volvo and Erebus Motorsport – compete to take home the silverware at the Sydney NRMA 500, as well as vie for a top spot in this year's championship.

"I am delighted to welcome to Sydney reigning Champion Jamie Whincup and Marcos Ambrose – who is returning to the sport for the first time since his stint driving in the US – ahead of this weekend's showdown," Mr Grant said.

"The Sydney NRMA 500 has been secured by the NSW Government until 2016 as a key event on the sporting calendar and an important event for Western Sydney that attracts thousands of visitors each year."

With the 2014 season decider almost here, Mr Grant said NSW motorsports fans could also enjoy the bumper V8 Supercars calendar scheduled for the State in 2015.

"Fans will be pleased to know the NSW Government has secured three events as part of the V8 Supercar Championship for Western Sydney in 2015, including; the sydney.com V8 SuperTest season opener, the Sydney Motorsport Park SuperSprint and the Sydney 500," Mr Grant said.

"Motorsport events provide an added reason for visitors to explore Western Sydney and I encourage all motorsport fans to get along to Sydney Olympic Park this weekend to witness history being made on the track."

The V8 Supercars Championship is Australasia's premier motorsport category and one of Australia's fastest growing sports. It is broadcast to more than 130 countries worldwide each year, reaching an estimated 500 million households.

For more information about the Sydney NRMA 500, please visit: sydney.com