## PM Morrison ignores the evidence in choosing his COVID-19 Commission Melbourne's grand prix is based on false claims. Honesty in the time of COVID-19 is vital

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Facts can't be ignored. The fact that the Victorian government used evidence to cancel this year's Australian grand prix is a shift in Victorian politics. Governments must be honest in safeguarding us from the COVID-19 virus.

Save Albert Park questions the judgement of Prime Minister Scott Morrison in appointing Australian Grand Prix Corporation chairman Paul Little to the National COVID-19 Coordination Commission. Was the PM aware of the AGPC's track record relating to its disregard for facts and therefore for health and safety? Didn't the PM know that just weeks ago Mr Little wanted to rush ahead with the GP, against medical advice and without any credible means of accounting for its spectators?

To quote Walkley Award winning journalist, Greg Baum, "When it comes to fake news, the Grand Prix Corporation makes Donald Trump look like an apprentice."

While all of Melbourne's other major events use turnstiles and ticket scanners to accurately account for their patrons, the AGPC just makes it up. Primary school mathematics and mere observation shows the AGPC's 'estimated' attendance claims to be false.

Save Albert Park wrote to Victoria's Attorney-General last year expressing our concerns for the health and safety risks for GP patrons. As the AGPC cannot account for those in its venue, have lives been risked because of wilful ignorance?

Save Albert Park president Peter Goad says, "The Prime Minister must reconsider his appointment of Mr Little as Australia needs fact-based decisions to save lives in this era of a very dangerous pandemic."

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