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After the third Summernationals rain out in succession should once and for all convince the powers that be that the Australian Drag Racing calendar needs to be changed to a January to December style situation and when that is being done provision must also be made for events in both Melbourne and Adelaide.

The weather patterns on the east coast compared to the west coast are so totally different that for the sport to sustain a genuine national championship series (and keep the ONE HD show going forward) rain outs have to be eliminated wherever possible. I know we can't play God and arrange the weather but we can (really we must) look at statistical and historical data in the areas concerned and take into account the information we have, and make an informed decision based on that data, it's really not unlike tuning a car, you look at the data available and make changes accordingly.

So what happens to the guys in Perth?

Nothing really, their dates don't need to change but just maybe there will be the opportunity to start the new season in Perth in late January and Perth can run its calendar as it sees fit, please keep in mind the only date changes are the ANDRA Pro Series and Rocket Allstars Racing Series events, all the track's regular dates will not have to change, and neither should they.

The same goes for the International events, some tracks run them and others don't. The season will not have to change for these events, if Willowbank want to bring out a tourist or two that's fine because they can and will still run their International features over Christmas, the one big difference is that none of those events will be Pro Series Championship events and therefore the pressure on the teams will be somewhat less (especially the underfunded teams) to compete at all costs and that in itself is a bonus.

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And while we are at it the Eighth Mile Series that Willowbank has instigated should become an ANDRA Championship series that would encompass all eighth mile tracks, even including the current South Australian Max Cranes Tri-Series.

With the amount of regional competitors who support these events ANDRA owe those racers a debt of gratitude and the best way to repay them would be to offer a National Eighth Mile regional Drag Racing Championship, and that again would help to strengthen our sport outside the major areas, and the stronger we can make Drag Racing nationally the better off we will all be.