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Dear Mr Brennan

Australian Conservatives thank 4WD Australia Association and its motoring community partnerships for bringing to our attention the disparity of vehicle modification legislation, standards, regulations and processes across all Australian states and territories.

We see no reason why vehicles or aftermarket automotive parts should be re-engineered when being sold across state borders, or when owners move interstate and attempt to transfer vehicle registration.

A vehicle which is engineered and certified under Australian standards, should maintain the certification for the life of the vehicle, regardless of state; this is what standards should aim to achieve. We support the aims of the "Time To Align" campaign, pushing to achieve a Federal Vehicle Modification Framework, for endorsement by all states.

The Australia Conservative Party's support for this is in the context of Constitutional limitations which in a federal system such as Australia's can only be overcome by agreement of the states. For this reason change must be via the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) forum, and cannot simply be achieved by the Commonwealth overriding state governments.

With this in mind, our election commitment is to:

- Acknowledge disparity in vehicle modification standards and processes across all state and territory jurisdictions;
- Advocate for moves towards a federally managed vehicle modification set of standards and processes, as recommended in the "Time To Align" campaign;

- Apply public pressure on COAG representatives to adopt a common set of standards and processes, which are fully recognised and supported across all states (including state certifications);
- Support the establishment of a national working group involving the federal government, automotive industry, motoring communities, as equal co-chairs / lead appointments, to guide and manage the ongoing development of a Federal Vehicle Modification Framework (in parallel to ADRs); and
- Support the establishment of a national approval and certification scheme for all automotive engineers, approved persons, vehicle inspectors, and technical workshops.

With the decline of the Australian new vehicle manufacturing market, we see the focus of federal and state government support needs to shift towards the aftermarket consumer and automotive sectors, in order to create development and trade across Australia. This will also support the Australian Conservative Party principles of smaller government, more freedom, less red tape, and Australian values.

The Conservative party wants to see less regulation and where regulation is necessary, it wants it to be common sense regulation. Our party also wants to see more gates un-locked in national parks so more Australians can enjoy our great outdoors.

Yours Sincerely



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