

March 13<sup>th</sup> 2019

NSW Division,  
4WD Association Australia

Dear Sir,

### Liberal Democrats support of vehicle modification

The Liberal Democrats strongly support the right of vehicle owners to modify and enhance their vehicles so long as those modifications do not present a danger to other road users.

Vehicle modification, as with many other activities, has become mired in red tape, bureaucracy and harassment by authorities.

A core plank of the Liberal Democrats policy platform is a commitment to the removal of red tape and unwarranted regulation across all business and recreational activities. In relation to vehicle modification, this has been a commitment since the foundation of the party in 2001.

Accordingly, we bring the following to the attention of your members:

- We recognise the disparity in vehicle modification standards and processes across all state and territory jurisdictions.
- We support amending the federal *Road Vehicle Standards Act 2018* to recognise state engineering, approved certifiers and certification schemes. We also support each state recognising and accepting approvals granted in other states.
- We agree to the establishment of a national working group involving the federal and state governments, automotive industry, and motoring representatives to prepare a National Vehicle Modification Framework.
- We recommend industry and community engagement as an essential component of the Vehicle Modification Framework.

Following the election of Liberal Democrat members of parliament in WA and Victoria, we look forward to your support to ensure we can represent your views in the NSW parliament after the state election on March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Yours sincerely,



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