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Andrew
Dear Mr ~~Laming~~

Thank you for your correspondence of 18 March 2019 regarding motor vehicle modification regulations.

As you may be aware, the Australian Government is responsible for regulating the first supply of vehicles (whether locally manufactured or imported) to the Australian market. Responsibility for in-service use and modifications after a vehicle has been registered, sits with the States and Territories.

Before the Australian Government could take this on as a national responsibility, all States and Territories would need to agree to transfer responsibility to the Commonwealth or a national regulator, similar to arrangements agreed for the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator.

Without such an agreement, it may be unclear for industry and the public if there were to be a carve out of responsibility for only certain types of modifications, when regulatory responsibility for all other in-service vehicle matters would remain with the States and Territories.

Given the nature of industry's concerns on this matter, I will be pleased to raise with my State and Territory Ministerial colleagues, the potential to better harmonise modification standards nation-wide. This can be done via the Council of Australian Governments Transport and Infrastructure Council, which I chair. There is a working group that includes all representatives from all States and Territories, which considers regulatory harmonisation matters and I believe this may worthy of consideration.

I trust this information is assistance and I look forward to working with you further on this matter.

Yours sincerely

Michael McCormack