



## The Hon. John Barilaro MP

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Dear Mr Brennan,

Thank you for your correspondence regarding national alignment of vehicle modification legislation.

The responsibility of each jurisdiction is to manage the safety of vehicles travelling on their networks, which are maintained and funded from their budgets. This means there is a disparity in vehicle modification standards and processes between the states and territories.

We support efforts to reduce red-tape and the regulatory burden often placed on individuals and businesses. As such, we support the establishment of a national working group with the goal of seeking alignment wherever possible and without compromising vehicle safety and road safety. Consultation between jurisdictions as well as key stakeholders and the community will be important.

We note that the 4WD Australia Association recommends that NSW's Vehicle Safety Compliance Certification Scheme (VSCCS) be adopted as the baseline for any move towards national alignment.

On a separate matter, the NSW Nationals are proud to stand up for 4WD owners and industry and call out NSW Labor's ill-conceived policy to increase stamp duty rates on motor vehicles over \$100,000 and introduce a new tax on all boats over \$200,000.

To suggest these vehicles and boats are "luxury items" are insulting to the thousands of people, like tradies and farmers, who rely on these vehicles for a living.

We look forward to continue working with 4WD Australia Association on these matter.

Yours sincerely

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