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Dear Mr Brennan *M:lon*

Thank you for your email of 26 March 2019 to the Premier, Hon Will Hodgman MP, and the Member for Lyons, Mr John Tucker, regarding vehicle modifications. As this matter falls within my portfolio, I have been asked to reply on behalf of the Tasmanian Government.

State and Territory light vehicle standards legislation is developed with consideration for national model law, to promote cross border consistency and compliance for in-service light and heavy vehicles.

The Registrar of Motor Vehicles has advised me that it is a prescribed requirement that modifications to light vehicles in Tasmania comply with the performance and technical requirements outlined in the National Code of Practice for Light Vehicle Construction and Modification. Also known as Vehicle Standards Bulletin 14 or VSB14.

The accepted National Code of Practice has been included in Tasmania's *Vehicle and Traffic (Vehicle Standards) Regulations 2014*. Prior to this, from its establishment as a National code, VSB14 was applied as an accepted national standard.

As part of mutual recognition, Tasmania continues to accept vehicle modifications certified to VSB14 (and also to Vehicle Standards Bulletin 6) recognised and accepted by another state or territory registration authority. This policy recognises the certified modification for the life of the vehicle or until a subsequent modification impacts on the initial certification.

Where modifications are not certified to the National Code of Practice, engineering information may be used by an Approved Vehicle Certifier (AVC) as information to support compliance with relevant vehicle standards including VSB14.

Following a review of the previous Tasmanian modification certification process, the Department of State Growth implemented the AVC Scheme in 2016. Specific characteristics of the New South Wales, Queensland and Victorian schemes were considered and applied where appropriate to assist with national consistency.

A key feature of the Tasmanian AVC Scheme is that contracted AVC stations are appropriately insured and that the qualifications and experience of the individual AVC are aligned to specific modifications of the National Code of Practice.

Having regard to the above information, Tasmania recognises vehicle modifications certified in another state or territory. This allows for the purchase of a vehicle with modifications that are undertaken or certified in another state or territory subject to compliance with the relevant national code of practice, being VSB14.

I trust this is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Rockliff', written over a horizontal line.

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