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Dear Mr Brennan,

Thank you for your correspondence.

As I'm sure you're aware, while the Australian Government is responsible for the regulation of new vehicles entering the Australian market, in-service use and modifications after the point of sale are the responsibility of the States and Territories.

The point made by Four Wheel Drive Australia holds much merit. It is clear that many vehicle owners are substantially inconvenienced by the difference between modification standards and approval processes between states and territories, and the commensurate difficulty in re-registering vehicles in different jurisdictions. The Greens would support a greater role for the Commonwealth on standardising and streamlining standards between the states and territories.

However, given that this responsibility currently sits with the states and territories, unilateral action by the Commonwealth could cause much confusion and further exacerbate existing problems. The Greens would instead support the Council of Australian Governments Transport and Infrastructure Council considering this matter and working towards a streamlined future.

Given our lack of expertise in the specifics of post-sale modification, the Greens would also support third party safety and emissions experts to input on this process, to ensure that our existing protections against road deaths and air pollution are retained.


I hope our reply is of assistance to your campaign, and the Greens look forward to working with Four Wheel Drive Australia into the future on delivering on this reform.


Regards,

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