



## The Hon Anthony Albanese MP

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Federal Member for Grayndler



Monday, 6 May 2019

Mr Miles Brennan  
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**BRISBANE MARKETS 4106**

Dear Mr Brennan,

### **National Code of Practice for Light Vehicle Construction and Modification**

I am writing with regard to your email of 16 December 2018 regarding the National Code of Practice for Light Vehicle Construction and Modification (NCOP).

Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding.

As I'm sure you're aware, when the NCOP was first approved in 2005, it was done as part of the national transport reform process, which was meant to reduce barriers to trade and minimise inconvenience to industry and the public.

Of course, what has happened since then is that State and Territory authorities have gone their separate ways on the NCOP, introducing their own standards and creating significant variance between jurisdictions.

I agree that there does need to be a uniform approach, but due to the division of constitutional responsibilities, nationwide rules cannot be imposed from Canberra. I believe that there is a great deal of merit in the suggestions you have made, but it just is not open to a Federal Government to adopt it unilaterally.

To achieve what you and the other members of Australia's 4WD associations have asked for requires input and cooperation from all levels of government, and the proper forum for this is the Transport and Infrastructure Council (TIC).

The TIC brings together Commonwealth, State, Territory and New Zealand Ministers with responsibility for transport and infrastructure issues, as well as the Australian Local Government Association.

By working across these jurisdictions, the TIC is able to consider and respond to the kinds of issues you have raised.



I appreciate the time you have taken to bring your concerns to my attention, and look forward to seeing them addressed by the TIC, under a Shorten Labor Government.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'A. Albanese', written over the printed name.

**ANTHONY ALBANESE**  
**Shadow Minister for Infrastructure, Transport,**  
**Cities and Regional Development**