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Dear Mr Brennan,

I acknowledge and thank you for bringing to my attention the misalignment of vehicle modification standards and regulations across the different state and territory governments of Australia; it is very disruptive in many ways.

Unfortunately, under the current constitution, individual state and territory governments are responsible to self-manage and regulate vehicle modification standards within their own jurisdictions. While local governments jointly work on legislation as members of Council of Australian Governments (COAG) and Australian Motor Vehicle Certification Board (AMVCB), it seems separate certification processes and bureaucratic ideals within each state are impeding a national solution for all Australians.

The Conservative National Party agrees with the motoring community's "Time to Align" campaign and will actively encourage COAG and AMVCB representatives to work collectively so each local government implements legislation, regulations and certification procedures which are nationally consistent and mutually accepted across jurisdictional boundaries.

Long term, we will seek to move the on-going management of vehicle modification standards and regulations from state governments, to the Commonwealth, and establish a National Vehicle Modification Framework which will operate in parallel with Australian Design Rules for newly manufactured vehicles. There is always public fear when consolidating state legislation federally, that the "worst of all" options will be chosen, so any federalisation and on-going management will be co-chaired by both the motoring community and industry bodies, to ensure safe, practical, affordable and standards-based modifications and regulations are available for your communities, nationally.

We support engineering and certification of fully qualified professional engineers to freely undertake vehicle modifications based on sound Australian Standards and engineering principles, and also prevent any restrictive regulations where alternate regulations already exist (Australian Design Rules/Australian Street Rod Manuals), or where there is no evidence to prove modifications are unsafe.

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Australia now lacks a new vehicle manufacturing market, so we support investment and development in the automotive aftermarket industry, and oppose impediment of modification innovation, trade and lifestyle enjoyment by all Australians.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'F. Anning', written over a light blue horizontal line.

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