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Dear Mr Brennan,

Thank you for your correspondence from May 1, 2020, on behalf of the Australian Recreational Motorists Association (ARMA) requesting a Queensland 2020 pre-election commitment to change vehicle modification standards.

After discussing this proposal with Katter's Australian Party's Federal Management Committee, I can confirm that the party endorses all of the points outlined in ARMA's request.

To re-confirm, this involves a commitment to:

- Acknowledge disparity in vehicle modification standards and processes across all state and territory jurisdictions;
- Position the National Code of Practice (NCOP) and Queensland Code of Practice (QCOP) as reference guides for un-certified / un-engineered vehicle modifications;
- Introduce an engineering and certification program where Australian and Queensland Chartered Professional Engineers (CPE) are empowered, responsible, and able to freely undertake vehicle modifications based on sound Australian Standards and engineering principles (similar to schemes in NSW and SA), using the Australian Design Rules (ADRs);
- Allow all Second Stage Manufacturing (SSM) modifications approved under federal ADRs to be automatically approved and accepted under state modification standards for current in-service vehicles (same modifications for same vehicles);
- Recognise interstate modifications for registration transfers, or currently registered Queensland vehicles, were the modifications are undertaken by a CPE from interstate, and an appropriate engineering report is provided;
- Commit to regular reviews of restrictive regulations, standards and red tape, where clear modification and certification details are already provided within the Australian Design Rules, equivalent international standards, or where there is lack of evidence to prove modifications are unsafe;
- Establish a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) from motoring community and industry groups, to review, advise and approve requirements for department of transport enactment;

- Coordinate a meeting between the Transport Minister and Queensland motoring community with the focus to review and overhaul the special interest vehicle concession scheme and the restrictions placed vehicle usage;
- Work with motoring community and industry groups to generate education programs to cover safe modifications and driving in non-standard conditions, such as beach driving towing caravans, undertaking vehicle recoveries;
- Engage other Council of Australian Governments (COAG) representatives and seek to harmonise vehicle standards and regulations where possible, through the Australian Motor Vehicle Certification Board (AMVCB);
- Agree to transfer responsibility of vehicle modifications regulations and standards to the Commonwealth (or a national regulator), on the condition that:
 - Moving to a Federal model does not negatively reduce, restrict, or prohibit those provided by the state, and committed above; and
 - It is agreed by Queensland community and industry representatives.

We look forward to working with ARMA and other stakeholders in advocating for the aftermarket modified motoring community in Queensland.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shane Paulger".

Shane Paulger,

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