

The President
Australian Recreational Motorists Association
C/- Mr. Miles Brennan
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2nd July 2020

Dear Miles,

RE: ARMA Pre-Election Request

I am responding to your email dated 15th June 2020 and our phone conversation of 2nd July 2020 in relation to your pre-election request document and the many barriers facing recreational motorists. This response is provided to you in my capacity as National President of the Liberal Democratic Party.

It has been the long-held position of the Liberal Democrats that recreational motorists have been disadvantaged by state, territory and federal regulation despite these people being law abiding, safety conscious and community minded individuals. In addition, they are subject to regulation that is not backed up by empirical evidence, as you have pointed out in your document.

As a principle based political party the Liberal Democrats subscribe to the “Rule of Law” HOWEVER when these laws are incoherent, confusing and restrict freedom we will fiercely advocate for reform. This applies directly to the laws and regulations imposed on recreational motorists in the ACT and across Australia.

We understand the after-market componentry industry is an advanced manufacturing sector that undertakes significant research and development along with rigorous pre-release testing of all products. As a STEM based industry all products and services are highly engineered, safe and comply with Australian Standards. In addition, the ADR3 federal legislation allows for engineers to certify modifications to vehicles to ensure they are fit for purpose and safe. However, it is state governments that are placing barriers to the recreational motorist community based on political philosophy rather than science and vehicle incident data.

Your document mentions “harmonisation” across Australia and the Liberal Democrats support this providing it reduces complexity for the consumer. The National Heavy Vehicle Authority is an example of a desire to harmonise an industry however the bureaucracy is reducing its effectiveness. We do not want to see a repeat of this in the recreational motorist sector.



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Finally, the Liberal Democrats support and are committed to pursuing the recommendations in your Pre-Election Request document and recommend you add

- All States collect vehicle accident data to clearly identify primary causes of accidents, if any, that are directly related to the vehicle modifications

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me on 0413 549 748 or via email

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Yours in Liberty

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