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Dear Mr Brennan

Thank you for your correspondence dated 1 July 2020 to the State Secretary of the Australian Labor Party - Queensland Branch regarding your request to change vehicle modification standards.

The Palaszczuk Labor Government's strong health response to the COVID-19 pandemic has meant that we can now start to deliver our plan for economic recovery.

The Palaszczuk Government has a strong track record of taking on board industry feedback. As you may be aware, in late 2018, the Minister for Transport and Main Roads approved new Queensland lift modification rules giving greater flexibility to four-wheel drive motorists. As part of the changes the maximum certifiable lift was increased from 125mm to 150mm which is consistent with the National Code of Practice and other States.

Also approved was the introduction of the same internal lift limits that make up the total 150mm maximum lift as applies in the National Code of Practice. The approved lift limit for vehicles with Electronic Stability Control (ESC) was also increased from 50mm to 75mm without the need for certification.

Building on this record, I am pleased to advise that a re-elected Palaszczuk Labor Government will commit to putting the issue of national harmonisation on the national agenda through the Transport and Infrastructure Ministers Meeting (formerly called the Transport and Infrastructure Council).

If re-elected, the government will also commit to a re-focus of the Motoring Organisations and Car Club (MOCC) forum. The MOCC will be tasked by the government to carry out a review of the current Queensland vehicle modification standards with a view to ensure best alignment with other Australian jurisdictions.

Our commitment is that within six months of government, the Minister for Transport and Main Roads will direct the Department of Transport and Main Roads (DTMR) to establish this as a core agenda item for the MOCC and for this process to involve genuine and inclusive consultation with stakeholders, including ARMA and 4WD Association Queensland.

I also note that representatives of ARMA are existing members of the MOCC under the banner of 4WD Association Queensland. As you may be aware, the MOCC meets bi-annually and engages a broad cross-section of car, caravan, motorcycle and four-wheel drive club representatives.

The MOCC provides an open consultative forum to discuss policy and operational issues relevant to Queensland motor vehicle and caravan clubs or associations. I believe this would be an appropriate forum to discuss the matters you have raised and look forward to seeing the results of this assessment.

Further information on the MOCC please view this website:

<https://www.publications.qld.gov.au/dataset/classic-and-vintage-cars-and-street-rods-motoring-organisations-and-car-club-forum>

Times are tough for people all over Queensland at the moment given the impact of the global COVID-19 pandemic. But the Palaszczuk Labor Government's plan for economic recovery means getting on with a record \$25.7 billion transport and roads program and delivering a further \$1 billion in joint roads stimulus since April.

In addition, in the first half of 2020, in response to the COVID-19 emergency, the Palaszczuk Labor Government introduced financial assistance measures to assist in the cancellation and re-registration of vehicle and boat registration including waiving vehicle registration cancellation fees.

We also recently announced a jointly funded \$185 million accelerated works package, including projects in Western Queensland, Central Queensland and North Queensland and a \$415 million jointly funded stimulus package which includes our Regional Economic Enabling Fund to give people better regional access.

That's a \$1 billion investment in road and transport stimulus in Queensland.

This record is in stark contrast to the LNP who have no credibility when it comes to roads and transport investment. They cut \$1.6 billion from the roads and transport budget when they were last in power. As you may recall they sacked over 14,000 Queenslanders, including almost a quarter of Transport and Main Roads' staff, and over 700 RoadTek workers – literally sacking roadbuilders in Queensland.

Now is not the time to risk the LNP's cuts or their inaction on the job creating industries of the future. Queensland's ongoing economic and health recovery requires leadership and stability, and Deb Frecklington and the LNP are a risk to our recovery.

I urge you to communicate this message with your members and supporters. Should the Palaszczuk Labor Government be re-elected, we look forward to continuing to work with you for the benefit of all Queenslanders.

Yours sincerely



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