

Dear Miles Brennan and the Australian Recreational Motorists Association

Re: Western Australia 2021 pre-election request to change vehicle modification standards

The Greens (WA) appreciate the opportunity to comment on vehicle modification standards.

The Greens (WA) acknowledge the disparity in vehicle modification standards and processes across all state and territory jurisdictions and support the campaign for greater uniformity between state and federal laws regarding vehicle modification standards.

When determining these standards, The Greens (WA) support evidence base approaches, requiring evidence to provide modifications are safe rather than an absence of evidence they are unsafe. Additionally, The Greens (WA) would also support the input of road safety and emissions experts to ensure the continued protection against road deaths and reduction in air pollution.

In terms of implementing an engineering and certification program, The Greens (WA) would support a trial, however, the introduction of any program would be considered with regard to budget priorities in our existing platform and election commitments.

The Greens (WA) strongly support the practice of participatory democracy, and as such would be supportive of motoring community groups contributing to decisions that affect them. The Greens (WA) would also support an investment in community education about non-standard driving conditions and vehicle modification, with input from the motoring community. And, in the event the Greens (WA) hold a Transport Ministry after the 2021 state election, we would be in a position to facilitate a meeting between the Transport Minister and Western Australian motoring community regarding the concerns of the community.

The Greens (WA) hope our reply is of assistance to your campaign.

Yours sincerely,

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