



9 March 2021

Dear Miles Brennan and the Recreational Motorists Association,

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

In the first instance we support your call for uniform standards and processes, and their mutual recognition, across all states and territories.

We agree it is necessary that state/territory governments and the Commonwealth cooperate to that end, with the Commonwealth taking a lead role. In supporting the harmonisation of standards and processes our default position is that the highest standard be used as the benchmark, particularly regarding safety.

While we don't pretend to have sufficient technical knowledge to comment on the detail of every proposal, all of the proposals that you raise that are consistent with this approach we are very happy to support.

In saying we support taking the highest standard to be the national benchmark this does not mean we support unreasonably restrictive and seemingly illogical or contradictory thresholds. In particular we take your point about the situation in Western Australia in which modifications to a vehicle carried out under federal Second Stage Manufacturing process are permitted, but the same modification to the same type of vehicle is not permitted after it has been registered.

In transitioning to clear, logical and nationally uniform standards, we support meaningful consultation with all stakeholders, including motoring community groups, and the associations and unions representing professionals in the field.

Finally, we support a period of "general road use" for special interest vehicle registration.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Wainwright", written over a light blue horizontal line.

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