SECURING TASMANIA'S FUTURE





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Dear Mr Brennan

Thank you for your recent correspondence on behalf of the Australian Recreational Motorists Association.

I am pleased to respond on behalf of all Liberal Members and Candidates.

I appreciate the association's time and effort in bringing your views to my attention and assure you that the Tasmanian Liberals share your commitment to the industry and to safety.

The Tasmanian Liberals have a strong record of reducing red tape, with our regulatory reform agenda recognising the burden of over-regulation.

We are also pleased that Tasmanian motorists are able to enjoy the cheapest compulsory third-party premiums in Australia.

Tasmanian motorists are this year benefitting from a 4 per cent general decrease to Motor Accidents Insurance Board premiums, which reflects ongoing safety improvements on our roads, increased education campaigns, as well as enforcement activities. This means that for a standard car, this year's decrease translates to the annual MAIB premium being less than it was back in 2001.

Motorists are also supported through the Tasmanian Liberal Government's development of our own free "Fuel Check TAS" app and website last year. Mandatory fuel price reporting is driving competition and putting downward pressure on fuel prices, helping Tasmanian motorists find the cheapest fuel.

Motorists are enjoying better, safer roads through our record infrastructure program of nearly \$5 billion, with the 2020-21 Budget delivering \$2.4 billion in funding for upgrades and investments into roads and bridges across the State.

In addition, the Tasmanian Liberal Government introduced the *Vehicle and Traffic (Road Vehicle Standards) Amendment Bill* to the Parliament. This legislation ensures that Tasmania is consistent with the changed Australian framework for the import of road vehicles.

This framework allows greater alignment with international vehicle standards and simplified importation of specialist vehicles.

In relation to after-market modifications, recognising that safety is the key priority in any regulatory framework, if re-elected, my Government will be pleased to consult with you further regarding the initiatives you have put forward.

Thank you again for the opportunity to respond. More information on our positive Plan to Secure Tasmania's Future can be found at <u>Election Policies | Tasmanian Liberals</u>.

Yours sincerely

Peter Gutwein MP Premier