



Minister for Transport; Planning

Our ref: 72-27813
Your ref: Petition No.152

Hon Matthew Swinbourn MLC
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Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs
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Dear Mr Swinbourn

PETITION NO. 152 - INTRODUCTION OF A CLASSIC CAR AND STREET ROD REGISTRATION DISCOUNT

Thank you for your correspondence dated 13 August 2020 regarding the petition tabled on the introduction of a classic car and street rod registration discount.

The Department of Transport (DoT) concluded its stakeholder engagement period for the Concessions for Classics scheme earlier this year. The issues raised in the petition are issues which have already been considered by the Government and incorporated into its policy review.

The Government is aware of the challenges faced by regional vehicle owners through its vintage veteran 404 scheme, which has been operating successfully since 1964. Despite geographical boundaries faced by some vehicle enthusiasts, the feedback received from participants of the 404 scheme is that it works sufficiently well to warrant participation, with over 20 DoT approved motoring clubs or branches throughout regional Western Australia.

The requirement to be a financial member of a DoT approved motoring club is a fundamental feature of all classic vehicle permit and conditional licensing schemes across Australia. It encourages club members and DoT approved motoring clubs to comply with their obligations under the relevant scheme and promotes community engagement and participation. While this requirement will be a fundamental feature of the Concessions for Classics scheme, the Government is confident the scheme will still be accessible to regional members.

The majority of feedback received from motoring bodies and clubs regarding the administrative requirements for clubs participating in the 404 vintage veteran scheme was that the system worked well and most have implemented computerised systems to ease any administrative burden.

There are already over 20 DoT approved motoring clubs or branches throughout regional Western Australia. It will be open to participants of the Concessions for Classics scheme to join an already established club or consider forming a new club with likeminded vehicle enthusiasts. Regional motorists will also be encouraged to engage with their club officials about creating more club sanctioned motoring events in their local area.

Of the 2.8 million vehicles currently licensed in WA, many have reduced or limited access to the road network for a number of reasons. The State Government must balance requests as outlined in the petition with other individuals and special interest groups which may also use vehicles infrequently.

I announced the final policy settings for the Concessions for Classics scheme on 6 September 2020. The DoT is working towards implementing the scheme in early 2021.

The new scheme will incentivise community participation and engagement and strikes an equitable balance among WA road users.

Thank you for raising this matter.

Yours sincerely

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**HON RITA SAFFIOTI MLA
MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT**

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