

“It’s in the Mail”

Following on from the Minister’s press release Sunday 18 December (copy attached) and the request for responses to the proposed changes (copy attached) which were posted out on the 4th January- note the conflicting statement with the proposed date of reply:

“Any proposed changes will be widely communicated to the Federation of Historic Motoring Clubs SA Inc, and South Australian Street Rod Federation who assist the department in the administration of the scheme in addition to all motor vehicle clubs who are recognised under the scheme and interested parties who have written directly to the department.”

Yet, the critical date your response is required by is 2nd February 2017.

The Minister’s office has been advised that this date is impractical as the vast majority of “key stakeholder’s in this scheme” are inactive until very late January, early February; therefore that requested date for returns would be impractical. *Should your club feel that they will be adversely affected in responding by the due date, you should inform the Minister’s office directly, poste haste.*

The Federation sees the introduction of a Modified class into the scheme as a positive for all motoring enthusiasts, however warns caution as to what modifications are allowed and by whom they can be signed off by. OF course, as with the introduction of Street Rods into the scheme, it is entirely up to the club as to what modifications that are allowed within their club.

As you read the proposed changes, read them as they are written. In fact there is no change to the requirements of a Historic vehicle and will not potentially affect the scheme as we currently enjoy it. From a Historic perspective, this will allow any period accessory to be fitted

to a vehicle, however this should not be confused with altering the engineered status of the vehicle, particularly under the guise of “safety”. i.e. An Authorising Officer is not authorised, and in most cases, not qualified to make that assessment.

The Federation believes that there is potentially a simple procedure that can provide clear direction to the Authorising Officer that will ensure that any engineering modifications are signed off by the appropriate authority, therefore reducing the Risk to the club’s Authorising Officers. This will ensure a clear paper trail exists detailing the engineering changes made to the vehicle and signed off by Regency or an approved engineer.

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