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The State Government is removing red tape to allow more classic vehicle lovers to enjoy their hobby out on the road.

Widespread changes and simplification to the Conditional Registration scheme for Historic Vehicles, Prescribed Left Hand Drive Vehicles and Street Rod Vehicles (the scheme) are under consideration to remove restrictions currently preventing thousands of motoring club members to gain access to the limited 90 day registration scheme.

Under current laws, historic vehicles are not allowed to be modified from their original manufacturer's specification to any significant extent. Over time the scheme has allowed limited modifications and implemented a detailed code of practice, highlighting the endorsement of restricted modifications. However, many clubs continue to assess vehicles differently due to the scheme's complexity.

Even slight modifications, such as a CD player or air conditioner, and those that are period accessories for the era can keep them off the roads. The same restriction also prevents vehicles which have had safety upgrades, such as better braking systems. Left Hand Drive vehicles can also be prevented from being registered when modified, even on regular registration.

As a key stakeholder in this scheme, I seek your members' input on the following principles of revisions to the scheme:

1. Allow vehicles, modified from their original design, to enter the scheme. This change will provide flexibility to allow owners to improve the ride, handling and safety of these classic vehicles, as well cosmetic enhancements. The registration scheme will no longer dictate the types of modifications permitted, merely remove this requirement altogether.
2. Move away from a fixed cut-off date of 1979 to a rolling 30-year vehicle age for eligibility to enter the scheme; for both right hand and left hand drive vehicles.
3. Make changes to the Code of Practice to decrease the necessity for motoring clubs to undertake vehicle inspections; reducing the administrative burden of the scheme. This would remove the need for both initial inspections upon scheme entry and all 3 yearly inspections. However, in all cases, there will remain the ability for the Registrar or motoring clubs to request vehicle inspections on an as-need basis. This will enable clubs to uphold their constitutional values.
4. Remove the need for annual statutory declarations.

5. Reduce limitations which ban left-hand drive vehicles with safety improvements, such as updated braking systems. This will allow modifications to LHD vehicles and will treat them the same as RHD vehicles currently on the road.
6. Not introduce a registration component for the fees paid for vehicles to enter the scheme. It is expected the fees will remain consistent with the current \$90 annual cost which does not include a registration component but covers Compulsory Third Party insurance, the Emergency Services and Lifetime Support levies, and other administrative charges. These fees are generally reviewed in July each year.

The changes outlined above will aim to make the scheme more consistent with other schemes in place around Australia.

Vehicles with modifications such as major engine upgrades or major structural changes will still be required to undergo safety inspections and obtain relevant approvals from the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI) to gain access to the road network.

Information bulletins, issued by DPTI, currently exist defining the difference between a minor and a major modification which the majority of your members are aware of; as are the inspection and approval process via inspection centres such as Regency Park.

Following a consultation period, it is expected that legislative changes will be finalised to take effect from 1 July 2017.

I encourage your members to provide feedback to me on the proposed changes outlined in this letter, via your club, the Federation of Historic Motoring Clubs South Australia Incorporated, The Australian Street Rod Federation Incorporated (the Federations) or the Street Machine Association of South Australia (SMASA). Alternatively, feedback can be provided directly to the DPTI email address DPTI.RegistrationPolicy@sa.gov.au.

We are seeking all comment regarding the proposed changes to the conditional registration to be more flexible and accessible for historic vehicles by 2 February 2017, where amendments will be drafted for approval.

Yours sincerely



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