



# *Federation of Historic Motoring Clubs S. A. Incorporated*

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## *Important Letter to Clubs*

It has come to the attention of the Executive Committee that members, both clubs and individuals are still writing letters direct to Department for Transport, Energy and Infrastructure (DTEI) and or the Hon Patrick Conlon MP, Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Energy in relation to the Conditional Historic Vehicle Registration Scheme (CHVRS). While the Federation understands and respects the rights of the individual to correspond in this fashion, these actions have had far reaching consequences to the CHVRS.

As we are all aware the current Code of Practice for the CHVRS is undergoing a review, a task that has been going on for almost 2 years, and are also aware that the Special Interest Vehicle Group (SIVG) is actively seeking to be granted access to the CHVRS. As we understand it, the SIVG decision is *not* the major delay in releasing the revised Code of Practice.

During recent discussions with DTEI it was clearly stated the reason the review is being delayed are the letters being received from individuals and or clubs in relation to the CHVRS. It was stated that each time a query is received, the review goes back to the bottom of the pile while the query is investigated. Along with this is the fact that the cost of investigating the query is added to the cost of the CHVRS to DTEI.

Again we wish to remind you that this scheme was set up to be "cost neutral" with the then Transport SA (now DTEI) dealing only with the actual registration and the Federation of Historic Motoring Clubs (FHMC) administering the scheme on behalf of DTEI. As a result a flat fee has been applied to vehicles registered under the conditions of the CHVRS. This fee is currently a fixed CTP premium (\$111.00), GST on that premium (\$9.09), the Emergency Services levy (\$6.00) and registration administration fee (\$6.00), regardless of vehicle type of engine size.

While the FHMC does not have a "crystal ball" on what is likely to be contained in the review, it is very clear that DTEI are looking at how they can recover the costs that are occurring because of a few well meaning but misdirected individuals and or clubs.

*Again, the FHMC wish to remind clubs and individuals that in order to maintain the CHVRS as a cost neutral scheme, direct all enquiries, "good, bad or ugly" through the FHMC and all queries will be answered.* The reasoning is that the FHMC may already have the answer, there may be others who have the same query and we will go direct to the person responsible, thereby minimising the time DTEI personnel are required to be employed actively pursuing the matter.

Another point that has emerged in recent discussions with DTEI is a perception by DTEI of "poor performance" and clubs need to "lift their game" and ensure that *they and their members are doing the right thing*. A reminder that the FHMC is always available for advice and clubs must take advantage of this. The risk is that there could be severe changes to the scheme that will not benefit anybody!

The Executive Committee  
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