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The Hon Anthony Albanese MP,  
Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government  
PO Box 6022  
House of Representatives  
Parliament House  
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Minister,

Re: NSW Minister for Roads - Press Release "Tough New Rules for Car Hoons"; 16 July, 2009

Recently new regulations were announced restricting the lifting and lowering of vehicles. Attached is a copy of the above press release and also the resulting VSI 50 which is to be effective from 1 August, 2009.

Our Association represents over 90 4WD Clubs across NSW with approximately 10,000 members. The "lifting" restrictions these new regulations impose will have a major impact on families and businesses and are unnecessary as tests and accident statistics such as produced by the Motor Accidents Authority of NSW (MAA) indicate.

You have already received a submission from the National Four Wheel Drive Council of Australia (NFWDC) which highlighted among other things, the need for a federally coordinated and consultative approach to such regulations

There currently exists a working party of all state transport departments looking at a code of practice on a national basis. NSW seems to have simply gone its own way and created yet another set of differences between the states and territories of Australia.

We understand this is something the Federal Government is actively trying to prevent and request your office requests that the NSW Minister for Roads, delays the implementation of these new measures to allow proper and full consultation and the establishment of consistent rules across Australia.

This matter is very urgent and important to many road users within this state and potentially further affects the operation of business between states.

Please do not hesitate to call me should you require more information.

Yours sincerely,

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