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Expression of Interest sought for Authorised Vehicle Verifiers (AVV) Scheme

Dear Member

The regulation of road vehicles and road vehicle components in Australia is changing as a result of the implementation of new legislation. *The Road Vehicle Standards Act 2018* ("the RVSA") will replace the *Motor Vehicle Standards Act 1989* ("the MVSA") on 1 July 2021. This new legislation will enable the Australian Government to set national road vehicle standards and regulate the first provision of road vehicles in Australia. [The Road Vehicle Standards Rules 2019](#) ("the Rules") have been made under the RVSA, to complement this.

The new legislation has resulted in an expansion of the eligibility criteria for vehicles that can be entered on the Specialist and Enthusiastic Vehicles (SEVs) Register. The Rules provide significantly different criteria for entry on the SEVs Register. These include vehicles that are not offered in Australia under a type approval, but are eligible for entry on the SEV Register by meeting one of the following criteria i.e. performance, rarity, environmental, mobility, left-hand drive, campervans and motorhomes.

Under the Rules, certain vehicles will require independent verification that they meet requirements. This applies to:

- all Specialist and Enthusiast Vehicles (SEVs);
- all used two and three wheeled vehicles;
- all second stage of manufacture vehicles that are not type approved;
- on occasion, verification may also be required as a specific condition of approval for certain other concessional vehicles.

The legislation will require the establishment of an Australia-wide Authorised Vehicle Verifier (AVV) network. Although the requirement for verifications is not likely to commence until sometime during the second half of 2021, it will be essential to have a sufficient AVV network set up in advance and ready to begin operation by that time. The establishment of a sufficient AVV network is essential for the proper functioning of the approval process for vehicles that require AVV verification as part of their approval.

To assist with establishing a national AVV network under the Road Vehicle Standards (RVS) legislation, the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications (the Department) is seeking expressions of interest. Included is information and links to inform you about the role of AVVs under the new legislation, as well as a brief survey.

Please note that the Road Vehicle Standards Rules specify that inspections will be performed by corporate entities known as authorised vehicle verifiers (AVVs), which cannot have any conflict of interest in performing the AVV task. This includes that an entity cannot be both be an AVV and a RAW under the RVS legislation.

Duties of an AVV include the following checks:

- Vehicle scope;
- modifications;
- deterioration;
- damage or corrosion;
- odometer check;
- any outstanding recalls.

Information regarding eligibility to gain approval to operate as an AVV is contained within the [attached](#) document, Business Case for becoming an Authorised Vehicle Verifier.

Further information and guidance material can be found on the Department's website, click [here](#) to access.

More general information on the Road Vehicle Standards (RVS) legislative reforms is available from the Department's website [here](#).

Survey

You are requested to indicate your interest in becoming an AVV under the new legislation. Please email John Marcolina: johnmarc@iinet.net.au by 30 April to register your interest by completing the [attached survey](#).

If you have any further questions on this survey or the requirements and duties of AVVs please contact the Departments' contractor:

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