

BULLETIN

Industry Divisions



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Dear member

Please be advised that VACC has finalised and submitted a response to the Draft Road Safety (Vehicles) Regulations 2021 and the Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) released by the Department of Transport. The proposed Regulations will replace the Road Safety (Vehicles) Interim Regulations 2020 which are due to expire on 3 October 2021.

VACC carefully considered member and Divisional Committee feedback regarding the implications of the proposed regulatory changes on the automotive retail, sale and service industry. VACC's response also addresses a wide variety of matters raised in the RIS.

A copy of VACC's response can be found [here](#).

The major areas scheduled for significant reforms contained within the RIS included, written off vehicles, the club permit scheme and replica vehicles, classification of motor trikes, and the roadworthy scheme.

In summary, VACC recommended the following:

1. Reform the regulations concerning written-off vehicles and, in particular:
 - a. The need for objective and adequately qualified assessments to determine a vehicles potential written-off status.
 - b. Remove the unfettered discretion insurer's have in determining written-off vehicles.
 - c. The sale of written-off vehicles at salvage auctions must comply with the Environmental Protection. Regulations 2017 (Vic).
 - d. Restrict the sale of repairable write-offs to LMCTs and second-hand dealers.
2. Maintain the current roadworthy framework and do not succumb to the fallacy that warranty and servicing in any way replace the need for a roadworthy.
3. Licensing of VIVs and use only registered businesses to undertake repairs for RWOs.
4. Change key elements of the Club Permit Scheme regarding replica and individually constructed vehicles.
5. Treat motor trikes in the regulations in broadly the same way as motorcycles.
6. The government to adopt a cost recovery program for LMCTs in the collection and remittance of government fees.

VACC remains in consultation with the Department of Transport on these and other matters and awaits final recommendations by the DOT before the Minister of Transport approves the 2021 Road Safety (Vehicles) Regulations.

Please direct any comments or concerns you have to the relevant [VACC Industry Policy Advisor](#).

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