

# Bulletin

## Tasmanian Automotive Chamber of Commerce



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### TACC UnRoadworthy vehicle case study

Dear Members

In our TACC bulletin sent on the 10 May 2023 we invited members to participate in a case study that would provide evidence of vehicles that may present at member repair business as a repair or service booking. While on premises the member repairer may notice a defect that had not been reported and that may render the vehicle unsafe or unroadworthy.

TACC established an online reporting platform that enabled a member to easily document these defects and apply photographs to the platform to substantiate the entry.

This information has been collated and a report created that provides a collection of evidence to support our advocacy for a safer fleet without further significant society pains or consumer cost impost.

Thanks to all members who participated and contributed by entering data that populated the TACC Unroadworthy report platform.

The winner of the participating member VACC Motortech subscription has been identified and will shortly receive their prize.

Various member submissions sent in by email and through TACC Area Manager engagement have also provided photographs and data which will assist in the submissions we put forward to the Government in our efforts to improve road safety and to provide better protections for consumers when buying vehicles.

TACC is not surprised in the results of the study, with a large degree of unroadworthy and unsafe faults being found in tyres, brakes, suspensions and steering areas of the reported vehicles.

Just as an FYI, the photographs shown have come from two different vehicles, one, a car that had just been purchased by a first time buyer and the other a ride share vehicle.

These photographs clearly demonstrate the outcomes of an ineffective vehicle roadworthiness policy.



Please continue to communicate defective vehicles to us by email or through your TACC Area Managers:

- North & Northwest: Darren Anderson 0400 442203
- South: Anthony Cowley 0419 136027

All information submitted for the case study remains in confidence.

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Manager