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Subject: Comments on Consultation Paper - Traffic Laws in Norfolk Island

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to provide some feedback on a few specific items of the paper:

1. P plate recognition/implementation

While I do not oppose P plates in and of themselves, I would strongly recommend against making any changes which altered the ages for licenses in Norfolk Island. The current ages/arrangements are well suited to the island's needs, and should not be altered.

2. Riding on the back of utility vehicles Norfolk Island is not the same as Australia in regard to traffic conditions, speeds, culture, etc. Taking this (ability to ride in the tray of utes) away in the name of safety would be disingenuous. There are very few accidents resulting from this practice, and it gives great joy and a feeling of freedom (which is often missed in the current political climate).

3. Dangerous driving

Driving done in a private field (i.e. private land) should not be covered by such laws. Road rules are for the road and care must be taken not to overstep the level of authority. With the history of Norfolk Island being annexed by Australia, this point must be noted.

I would not oppose the laws to extend to the "common", however I believe they would already apply there.

4. Drink driving

While I am fine with most changes listed, there is no mention of the alcohol limit. Given the island's layout, speed limit and lack of public transport, I would recommend that the current 0.08 limit be maintained.

5. ADRs

While there was no specific mention of making ADR compliance mandatory for all vehicles, I wanted to raise this point anyway. The majority of vehicles in Norfolk are either direct from Japan, or via New Zealand. In this way most of Norfolk's vehicles are not certified for ADR requirements, although they would meet these requirements (in the majority of categories, anyway). Given the size of the island, the maximum speed limit and the massive financial burden of making any changes in this area, I would strongly recommend ADR compliance not be legislated for Norfolk.

Thanks and regards

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