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Dear Sir,

I refer to 'Traffic Laws in Norfolk Island – Consultation paper' and wish to strongly object to the Proposed Changes as regulated in Norfolk Island by the *Traffic Act 2010 (NI)*.

2.1 Recognising Australian P Plates

Why do we have to align? Will Australia amend their laws to include our P Plates. Our P Plates living away know our laws and if they don't already hold a licence, they know how to obtain when next back on island. If 'visitors' want to drive when visiting, then why can't they go through the Norfolk Island process!

2.2 Ute tray riding

Since the introduction of the Motor Car Ordinance 1929, the people of Norfolk Island have been travelling on the back tray of their trucks. Whether it be to Bounty Day, to the family BBQ at Kingston, to view 'Christmas Lights', or to generally transport a group from one point to the other, it is a tradition that has been passed down from generation to generation. In 90 years of Ordinance, the Coroner has reported 2 incidences 2014 and 2018. Whilst any fatality warrants consideration, should we, the people who live in Norfolk Island, be sentenced **to yet another loss of tradition** due to 'lack of experience and knowledge' of the people involved in the said 'incidence'? Reckless driving should be handled under current legislation. Why should the majority suffer due to a minority's selfish behavior? If reckless they should be punished accordingly by our Court system.

2.4 Enabling removal of abandoned vehicles

Is there not already legislation to cover this in another area. Seriously is this necessary?

2.5.1 Dangerous Driving

Surely a private field is that PRIVATE. Very dictatorship isn't it, to legislate on something that belongs to someone else i.e. PRIVATE!

2.5.2 Drink Driving

Reference once again to aligning us to other Australian jurisdictions but we are not like other jurisdictions. You've already made drastic changes to blood alcohol levels WITHOUT PUBLIC CONSULTATION.

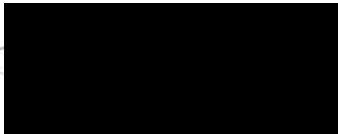
- In other words, police can do what they like. 'THOUGHT' to have been operating the vehicle is actually condemning someone without proof isn't it? If an accident occurs on the island and one party leaves the scene then this would warrant arrest BUT this would be the only time?
- Surely this is already covered in existing provisions. Suspensions should come from our current court system
- Once again our court system
- And we have nothing better to do than 'legislate for something that may happen in the future'!
- Our legislation is adequate. Once again we are unique.

I am not going to dispute each and every change. I do not agree with any of the changes and believe our own court system is adequate to deal with all offences as they arise.

I believe the proposed changes are supposed to align us to other Australian jurisdictions, but **how can we be compared** with no open roads, with 'English Country Lanes' and a top speed limit of 50km!

Common sense prevails surely.

Yours faithfully

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