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To All Member Clubs – breach of Code 404 licencing conditions

It is with some concern that the Council of Motoring Clubs of Western Australia (Inc) received advice from the Department of Transport that some clubs are signing off the form CMC 1 - Certification of Financial Membership, stating that a vehicle is not modified when this is not the case.

The Department's Manager of Vehicle Operations named two Clubs "that approved a modified vehicle to be licensed with a 404 concession code". The letter from the Department went to the extent of specifically stating the Code's requirement, viz:

- *The vehicle owner/s is a financial member of Department of Transport (DoT) approved historic motoring club or association, formed for the purpose of restoring and/or collecting vehicles of all makes and models,*
- *The vehicle has been assessed by a qualified and authorised officer of a DoT approved historic motoring club or association; and*
- *The vehicle has not been modified and meets original factory specifications*

These clubs have been contacted and rectification of the matter undertaken.

It is extremely worrying that Clubs, for whatever reason, are not applying stringent controls over the processes of arranging concessional licencing for their members. It is obvious from the contact we have received from the Department that it is aware of who is licencing what and how. The incidents raised could be considered by some to be minor but that is irrelevant as they were in contravention of the requirements of Code 404.

The licencing arrangement we have here is one of the most flexible in Australia. A lot of work has been done since the 1960s to establish this arrangement and, as a movement, we cannot afford to have it taken away or restricted.

It is imperative that clubs stress to their members the need to follow the conditions to the letter and make sure that each step of the procedures is followed. In particular, vehicles need to be carefully inspected before an authorised officer signs certifying that the vehicle is not modified.

Your cooperation is requested in bringing this to the attention of your members and ensuring that the requirements for licencing a vehicle in accordance with Concession Code 404 are strictly followed by all concerned.

Yours in motoring

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