

# HERITAGE TRUCK ASSOCIATION AUSTRALIA INC.



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Parliament House  
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## Inquiry into Motor Recreational Activities

We welcome the opportunity to work with the Queensland Government to progress the future of Motor Recreational Activities in Australia, and in this State in particular.

Heritage Truck Association Australia Inc. was formed in 2002 to cater for the growing interest in historic trucks and for the contribution of the men and women who drove and lived with these great machines of the past.

The objectives of the Heritage Truck Association Australia Inc. are:

- encourage the restoration and preservation of trucks over thirty years old, regardless of size, but with an emphasis on larger trucks
- foster friendship and information sharing through participation in rallies, exhibitions and other events
- assist members in locating parts and services, information and history about their old truck
- encourage retention of heritage trucks and memorabilia in Australia
- stimulate and build community interest in the importance of heritage trucks and memorabilia

Club membership is open to all makes of veteran, vintage, historic and classic vehicles over 30 years old and have established a large membership base.

**Trevor Davies**

*President*

**John Dodd**

*Vice President*

**Phyllis Davies**

*Secretary*

Yours faithfully,  
John Dodd

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## Club Activities

The Heritage Truck Association of Australia Inc. is an active club which participates in a number of areas listed in the Terms of Reference including,

- Preservation of vehicles
- Technical advice/assistance to club members and other clubs
- Providing camaraderie to its members and others
- Monthly meetings
- Education
- Annual show
- Support other clubs in their activities
- Support to charities
- Support to businesses

## Committee considerations

- a. The economic impact of the motor recreation industry to Queensland, including opportunities to grow the industry to create jobs for Queenslanders;**

We do not have the resources to give a dollar value or an employment number that is directly attributed to our activities, but our members being active in their individual restorations, the attendance of club events and supporting other clubs at their events, have a direct benefit to many Queensland industries such as,

- Fuel
- Tyres
- Parts
- Mechanical repairs
- Auto electrical repairs
- Auto trimmers and upholsterers
- Panel beating and spray painting
- Instrument fitters/repairers
- Accommodation
- Vendors food and others
- Provide display vehicles for business on trade days, pallet sale days etc

The restoration projects that are involved take considerable time and effort. The type of restoration has an impact as well, depending on if it's a full or partial restoration or if the owner is preserving the existing character of the vehicle. As our membership is not in Brisbane alone, regional businesses would be utilized during these processes.

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**b. The contribution of the industry to Queensland's tourism sector and opportunities to grow Queensland's share of the motor recreation tourism market;**

It is well known that tourism and Special Interest Vehicles go hand in hand. For example when our club travels in convoy to other locations for shows/rallies the trip itself has advertising potential. The exhibitors themselves are not only providing items of interest to the events but also become tourists to the area requiring resources and services to cater for their individual requirements.

Our annual show this year attracted metropolitan, Queensland country and interstate exhibitors. Some of the visitors to the show were people from the greater Brisbane Region as well as interstate and overseas visitors who visited the Brisbane Truck Show, saw our advertising there, and included our show in their travel plans.

The host club of any event, by the diversity of the displays from their own club and invited clubs, attract passing tourists and tourists who are holidaying in the area at that time which has a roll-on benefit to the industries listed previously.

The above examples have direct benefits to accommodation, food and fuel etc.

**c. The legislative, regulatory and policy framework in which the industry operates in all levels of government, and options for reform;**

Our club is, in general, satisfied with the provisions of the Special Interest Vehicle Scheme as it currently exists. However, Special Interest Scheme appears to have been established with cars and utilities in mind, not heavy vehicles.

An increase of the 15km road test radius to 50km will assist the owners of heavy vehicles, for example,

- Engine replacement/rebuild
- Engine tune (valve and injector timing settings)
- Transmission replacement/repairs
- Tyre rotation (spiders)

These are just a few examples of the type of work that is performed on a heavy vehicle, and to test that the work is successful or to adjust settings a road test radius that allows the vehicle to achieve operating temperature and conditions is needed.

***I request that the Committee recommend that the road test radius be increased from 15km from home address or point of repair to 50km from home address or point of repair, for heavy vehicles.***

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## **d. The impact on youth training and community engagement from motor recreational activities, including mental health outcomes**

Generally, the members and their vehicles reflect a past association, family connection or interest which the owner has had with a vehicle or piece of machinery.

### Youth Training

We have no figures to qualify the impact of youth training in industry, apart from the exposure that they would receive from our members as they seek services from the motor industries.

### Community Engagement

The club encourages all our members both young and senior for the successful completion of their project and regular participation of club events.

Community engagement takes many forms.

- The club/organization/charity hosting the event
- The community that are engaged traveling to and from the event
- The community engaged at the event

Community is an important part of attending these events. Apart showing our vehicles and sharing specifications and stories, there is an educational safety aspect on sharing the road together.

### Health Outcomes

The club environment is inclusive and offers friendships through a common interest and experiences. It also offers motivation and satisfaction from personal achievements. By participating in club events members remain physically active, alert and socially active.

## **e. The impact of the industry on road safety outcomes.**

Road safety is a direct result of attitude and actions. Our club promotes safety in all our activities on or off the road, or at an event. Community engagement at events has the potential of educating the general community with little or no experience, with large commercial vehicles.

***If a direct link notification from the government department to club secretaries could be established for regularly issuing bulletins to the recreational motor industry allowing a direct conduit to pass on educational material, road safety material relevant notices, legislative updates and other material of an informative nature.***

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f. Challenges facing industry and the role of government in supporting industry to continue creating jobs for Queenslanders;

The challenge is to increase participation in the motor restoration industry which will have direct roll on effects on;

- Preserving historic vehicles in a working condition
- A higher demand for services from the motor industry
- Tourism
- Interaction of the community
- Support to charities
- Support to local community events

***An opportunity exists to include on the Tourism and Events Queensland website calendar, such events that the motor clubs across Queensland are supporting and attending. This would give the touring public the opportunity to schedule their travel plans to coincide with an event or events.***

To encourage participation and financial commitment, positive and complimentary legislation and rules will insure that we grow as an industry and preserve our transport heritage for our future generations.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this document on behalf of the Heritage Truck Association of Australia Inc. for the positive future development of the Recreational Motor Industry in Queensland.

Yours faithfully,

John Dodd

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