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Inquiry into Motor Recreational Activities -Submission

Economic Impact

Presently the Citroen Car Club of Queensland has a membership in excess of 100 and is based in Brisbane. However, our members are located across Queensland including cities such as Gold Coast, Brisbane, Sunshine Coast up to Cairns and west to Gatton, Toowoomba, Stanthorpe and Gayndah. The club arranges outings to these communities supporting local businesses through expenditure on accommodation, restaurants, visits to local attractions and general expenses.

Examples include:

1. Our Cit-in gathering in Dalby in 2018 where we hosted Citroen clubs from around Australia. Support to the Dalby area consisted of accommodation for approximately 120 individuals, lunch at the Jondaryan Woolshed and tours of the Bunya region. We engaged with the Mayor and made donations to a local not for profit organization.
2. Annually, in association with the other French Car Clubs of Queensland (Renault, Peugeot, Simca), we host a French Car Day which attracts in excess of 150 participants with an estimated additional visitor for each participant. Presently this event takes place in the greater Brisbane region. Discussion is also underway to support the French festival which is an annual event in Brisbane.

New SIV Logbook based Scheme

The Citroen Car Club of Queensland believes that with further support from Government in the form of a logbook based Special Interest Vehicle (SIV) limited time use scheme, the participation and interest in marque and social car clubs will increase resulting in a greater social and economic benefit. In 2013 the QHMC surveyed members with over one third of club members indicating an interest in using a logbook scheme. The logbook scheme would allow greater participation, flexibility, and value to owners by allowing full private use of heritage vehicles during days signed in the logbook. It would additionally clarify insurance and legal aspects which under the current system present a challenge. There is no change foreseen in the road testing or safety aspect of the use of a SIV should a logbook scheme be introduced. With the vast geographical spread of our membership the scheme would allow members further afield to utilize their vehicle to a greater extent whereas presently they are restricted under the current event-based scheme.

In 2013/4, a proposal was put to the MOCC by Queensland Transport to add an optional 10-day limited logbook to the current SIV scheme. This proposal was not accepted because Queensland Transport would not guarantee that the existing event-based system would not remain unaltered into the future. The CCCQ therefore consider that if a logbook system were to be introduced, it would have to be as a separate arrangement to the current scheme as currently exists in Tasmania and as an extended trial of a logbook system in NSW.



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The current SIV scheme is not well suited to all club members who due to their occupations in retail, healthcare or emergency services or that have family, church and other commitments that occur during the weekend. A logbook scheme would allow these members to still enjoy the occasional use of their vehicles at times when events are not scheduled at a reduced registration rate and with the certainty that once they have signed their logbook, their use is clearly within legal requirements.

A logbook system would also allow use of a vehicle to fit in with family activities and would allow integration of vehicle use with normal family activities involved in transport of goods and people. This would also provide some return for time spent driving, fuel used, and carbon pollution generated.

Some negatives identified with the present scheme are:

- Only suitable for the really dedicated enthusiast, not flexible enough to attract new younger interested parties.
- Current scheme suits large clubs covering small geographic area with frequent club events.
- Mostly does not offer value for money due to limited opportunities to use SIV
- Suited to club members with available time and funds rather than families which are generally time poor and have extensive family related commitments.
- Better suited for active locally broad-based clubs rather than state-wide marque clubs in terms of arranging and being able to participate in club events.
- Requires repeated interpretation of rules (people seem to have increased difficulty with this – different interpretations of rules can leave owners of SIV at risk of fines or bankruptcy if there is a bad accident)

Benefits of adding a limited day/annum-based option are:

- Increase compliance with guidelines for usage of SIV allowed within the scheme,
- More currently unregistered cars would become SIV registered,
- It would attract younger members to join vehicle clubs and participate in charity events
- Less interpretation of club-based event rules would be required.
- suitable for an enjoyable outing in the SIV.
- Ability to enforce would be improved under the logbook option - Is logbook filled out for intended purpose?
- SIV would be seen more and appreciated by the public.

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