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I make this submission as an individual. My interest in the inquiry arises from ownership of a vintage and a classic car in regional Queensland. I have owned an old car since 1978. I am a member of two local and one national car club. The submission addresses some issues pertaining to points c and f of this wide ranging inquiry.

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

I believe that the concessional registration system in Queensland does not serve regional car owners well. I am fortunate that both my cars are on open registration, however with a more flexible concessional registration system I would be able to transfer to this less expensive option given the limited use of my vehicles. The local vintage car club comprises older members, some being foundation members of this 46 year old club. The club does not have any IT systems, or any social media presence. This means that recent reforms to concessional registration allowing members to self nominate outings is largely not able to be implemented. In regional areas where distances are shorter and traffic volumes less, opportunities to use a concessional registered vehicle for short runs to visit friends, family outings, or even to the local shops are not legal or available. With fewer and smaller clubs, officially sanctioned events are light on and harder to access. I have driven a car under the South Australian Log Book system, and have been with people operating under the Victorian system. I believe a similar Log Book system with unrestricted use for a limited number of days in a year would suit Queensland well. It would allow more flexible and regular vehicle use, helping vehicle owners to keep cars better maintained. Old cars do not respond well to long periods of idleness. Without going into detail, suffice to say that electrical, brake, and fuel systems, and tyres and mechanical components all benefit from regular use. This keeps the cars reliable, in a safer condition and reduces maintenance. I would ask that the inquiry recommend a review of the Queensland concessional registration system to better align with the Log Book system in other states, or with a view to establishing a national standard.

f. The impact of the industry on road safety outcomes

I, and old car enthusiasts that I associate with, are concerned that Government is moving towards legislation that will ban old cars from road use, or dictate how, when and where cars can be used based on safety or traffic concerns. This would consign most old cars to static museum pieces. Old car drivers, in my experience, value their vehicles and their right to use them. They are safe and experienced drivers that understand the limitations of their vehicles and the impact on traffic flow. In my local area some are professional heavy vehicle drivers with extensive knowledge and skill. When organising group outings the local vintage car club avoids major highways, busy times of day, night time or wet weather. Individual club members apply the same principles to their own decisions. There are plenty of overloaded, under-performing or poorly driven or maintained vehicles that impact of road safety outcomes. Removing vintage or older classic cars from the road would not make a measurable difference. There is

an issue with warrants attention across all road users, not just one class of vehicles. This concern about future on-road use of their vehicles is real among old car owners. Roads must remain a shared space. A clear statement giving certainty of use would be good to see in the inquiry report.

On the broader objectives of the inquiry, as a motoring enthusiast I would support any initiatives that allow the development of motoring events, particularly in regional areas. While it may be difficult to isolate the tourism benefits of local vintage car or single marque events or rallies, they play an important role in local community events such as street parades, car shows and school fetes. They showcase local motoring history and heritage. Larger events such as nationally promoted Hill Climbs are to be encouraged and do have a measurable tourism impact. Events such as V8 circuit racing and the 2020 Rocky Nats (while not really my "cup of tea") provide a huge tourism and economic boost.

Overall the Inquiry appears to be a positive and forward looking opportunity to progress motor recreational activities and their economic and tourism benefits. I would ask that the inquiry consider my issues detailed above, recognize that regional Queensland needs and opportunities may differ to those in Southeast Queensland, and that there exists a concern held by some motoring enthusiasts that the Inquiry will have a serious impact on, or at the worst, shut down their recreational activity.

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