



Speech By  
**Hon. Mark Bailey**


**MEMBER FOR MILLER**

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## MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS

### Towing Regulations

 **Hon. MC BAILEY** (Miller—ALP) (Minister for Transport and Main Roads) (10.04 am): The Palaszczuk government is committed to ensuring better outcomes for Queensland motorists. For the benefit of the House—

**Opposition members** interjected.

**Ms Jones** interjected.

**Mr SPEAKER:** Sorry, Minister, please resume your seat. Minister for Tourism, I have already given you a couple of warnings this morning. You are warned under the standing orders. Member for Glass House, you are a repeat offender. You are warned under the standing orders. You have interjected several times already this morning.

Members, it may be a while since we have sat in this chamber, but I do not want honourable members to forget the very clear ground rules that I have laid as Speaker and that the standing orders will be adhered to.

**Mr BAILEY:** For the benefit of the House and those motorists listening in, I can clarify that we have not made any changes to trailer towing rules in Queensland. There is no proposal to introduce any new regulation in Queensland that changes or makes it more difficult for four-wheel-drive vehicle owners to tow caravans and trailers or re-rate their vehicles.

Safety, of course, is our priority, but we do not want to see Queensland drivers or our wider state economy disadvantaged. Federal model laws covering safe towing practices provide guidance to all jurisdictions around Australia. Safe towing regulations in Queensland are similar to safety rules that apply to every state in Australia. Jurisdictions are currently in discussions about aligning any variations that exist around Australia. It is the federal government which has released Circular 0-4-6, *Certification of vehicles which have undergone a second-stage-of-manufacture*. I am happy to table a copy of that document, which is clearly marked 'Australian government: Department of Infrastructure Regional Development and Cities'.

*Tabled paper:* Document, dated June 2018, titled 'Circular 0-4-6, Certification of Vehicles which have Undergone a Second-Stage-of-Manufacture, issued by the Administrator of Vehicle Standards, Australian Motor Vehicle Certification Board' [[1146](#)].

Consultation being undertaken by my department related to the potential impacts of implementation of this federal requirement. I am advised that, to date, over 30 industry stakeholder submissions have been received as part of that consultation process. I can confirm that the federal requirements will not be implemented in Queensland in September, as reported in the media today. I will be raising all concerns presented to me by stakeholders with my federal colleagues. I encourage the Leader of the Opposition to do the same.

There is no question of the contribution the caravanning industry and grey nomads make to the Queensland economy. They are an important part of our tourism economy, particularly in rural and regional Queensland, and we certainly welcome and encourage them to keep coming to Queensland, particularly in the winter months, which are popular times to visit by those down south seeking warmer weather. I repeat: the Palaszczuk government will absolutely reject any changes which unnecessarily disadvantage Queensland drivers or our wider state economy.