

Vehicle Standards Bulletins 14 to be updated

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Motor Trade Association of WA Policy Statement

Vehicle Standards Bulletins 14 (VSB 14) and the accompanying National Codes of Practice (NCOP) are outdated and require review and update in consultation with industry.

Recommendations

1. Implement an urgent review of the NCOP, starting with section LS tyres, rims, suspension and steering.
2. Engage industry, state regulators and relevant stakeholders to ensure a workable system is developed.
3. Strongly encourage the NCOP to be implemented nationally as intended.
4. State and territories must accept vehicles modified and approved by the relevant authority in accordance with the NCOP.

Rationale

- The National Codes of Practice (NCOP) were created to guide the state and territory regulators and the public when constructing or modifying a light vehicle.
- The NCOP intended to be a live document and updated regularly; the issue is that they are outdated—most were last updated in 2011, except for one in 2015.
- Nationally, regulators are increasingly diverging and are no longer guided by the NCOP as intended because they fail to remain relevant.
- VSB 14, NCOP needs to be agreed upon by state and territory regulators and implemented across all jurisdictions to prevent cross-border issues regarding permits and modified vehicles.

Scope

- Reduce jurisdictional inconsistencies through the adoption of a controlled national code of practice to construct or modify light vehicles.
- State and territory regulator policies, procedures and technical bulletins would be redundant.

End.

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