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Road Vehicle Standards Bill 2018

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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed Road Vehicle Standards Bill 2018. The Royal Automobile Club of Queensland is supportive of moves to update and reform the Motor Vehicle Standards Act 1989, and in general sees the proposed changes as positive.

In particular, we believe removing the requirement for a locally fitted Vehicle Identification plate or label that carries a Date of Manufacture that is inconsistent with when the vehicle was actually built will assist in preventing unscrupulous parties from gaming vehicle values at resale time and provide clarity about a vehicle's true Date of Manufacture for new car buyers.

However, we would strongly oppose any attempts to remove the requirement to fit a secure identity label or to reduce its effectiveness in any way. While we understand that this is a unique Australian requirement that adds to the cost of selling a vehicle in this country, our view is that the additional expenditure is very small (we understand about \$2 / vehicle) in comparison to the security it provides.

We believe that the use of a secure identity label and related measures has been a major factor in reducing vehicle theft, as it effectively eliminates the practice of altering, counterfeiting and transferring vehicle identifiers.

In our view, secure ID labels provide a security benefit to Australian motorists that far outweighs their cost, and that this protection must be maintained.

Additionally, we do not believe that the suggestion of a database to verify a vehicle's compliance is an appropriate or effective substitute for the secure label.