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To whom it may concern,

I write in relation to your proposal for the legislation to be introduced in December.

As a die hard car enthusiast, I strongly disagree with the proposal, if it passes, it will destroy the automotive scene as we know it.

I run a monthly car meet in our local area which is aimed at chrome bumper vehicles only. These cars have had major dollars thrown at them to get them in the condition they are in. The local community loves coming to see these cars each month. The car scene is what brings people together.

I travel interstate to see major car shows with friends and family. It is bonding time with my son who is nearly 5, he loves the older classic muscle cars. I am currently restoring a 1975 model LH Torana, it has so far been a 3 year project and has cost me around \$60,000 with approximately another \$20,000 to finish it. It will have a full engineers report, every nut and bolt replaced, and only top quality parts used. Better than any 5 star rated late model car. My son thoroughly enjoys helping me work on the project, i would rather see him spending time and money on restoring classics than hanging out the front of a train station or shopping centre looking for trouble, or selling drugs on the street. As a parent, you try your hardest to guide your children along the way, hoping they make the right decisions, I use working and modifying cars as my guidance tool. It has helped me to be an honest hard working person.

Race tracks such as Heathcote Park Raceway and the re opening of Calder Park will be impacted, as they rely on the weekly street drags. The Victorian Police urges 'hoons' to take the racing off the street and onto the track. With the way the new legislation is pushing us, there will be no need for 'off street drags' unless it's in a Toyota Hybrid. I had family recently travel to the USA, they were stunned at the type of modified vehicles cruising public roads. People would stop and stare to admire such nice cars, owners being pulled up by parents with their children asking to show them their cars. I hope that one day we can follow their foot steps.

Introducing tough penalties would force owners to either sell (but who will buy) or run the gauntlet of getting caught on the road.

I would be in the same boat, with even a factory red 202 engine from the 70's era not passing today's emission controls. As an ex motor mechanic, I am all for healthy engines that are not excessively loud, but to think about introducing these harsh penalties are absurd and non justifiable. How could the average family, not to mention single mums and dads honestly afford to fix their current car, or update to a near new model? In case you have not noticed, the cost of living has risen dramatically, and families are struggling!

Some friends of mine that own 40 year old classics, have had their car handed down by older family members as heirlooms, I could not imagine how they would feel not being able to enjoy them as their grandparents did back in the day.

I know of many car clubs that host car events and donate to charities such as the Star Light Foundation. The car community does good things, we are not all hoons. Which I'm sure this is what the proposed legislation is aiming at. There has to be another reasonable alternative than slapping fines

here and there to raise revenue and call it protecting the environment? Cars are not the only thing that contributes to pollution, but if it makes the Government money? Let's tell the public so.

I am positive that there are car enthusiasts amongst you all? Someone needs to stand up and say hey, what will this legislation do to the automotive industry? The car scene, whether is classic, muscle or modified? It will not survive. I assure you that we will not give up the fight! The Australian Motorist Enthusiast Party is working hard to keep the passion alive, we will continue to support them in their efforts. For the future of our sons and daughters, friends and families, and car related community, I ask you to re consider the proposed legislation and find a better solution for all parties?

I have attached a picture of my son who was 3 at the time, doing what he loves. If words can't get the message across, i hope the picture does!

Kind Regards,