



National Light Vehicle Modifications Summit Friday 9 June 2023

This is a highly interactive full day session with three key themes:

- (1) Knowledge sharing about vehicle modification regulations; what's changed, what is under review and what's coming.
- (2) Influencing: identifying the major issues and working together on agreed solutions for regulations and for industry

(3) Priorities: setting the agenda for industry collaboration on policy influence and product testing. Using testing examples, can we get ahead of the curve and develop responsible, commercially practical standards with safe outcomes.

Themes	Time	Title	Description	Speakers
Opening Session	8:45	Summit Welcome	An Introduction to the Summit, setting the scene for the audience ahead of a productive day.	Emma Laukins - 4x4 Business Development Manager, Ryco Filters Mark Pedder - Managing Director, Pedders
Knowledge	9:00	Vehicle Standards: An Overview	This session provides an overview of industry standards, both previous and current, plus offers a look at what is coming and what regulators are worried about. Federal ADRs, in service regulations and Australian Standards are all covered in this overview.	Douglas Studer - Director of Engineering, AutoPacific Group Luke Truskinger - Managing Director, Auto Innovation Centre Lesley Yates - Director of Government Relations, AAAA
	9:20	Industry & Government Collaboration	How should industry and government work together to achieve best practice regulatory outcomes? Insights from both a government perspective and industry perspective will be shared. This session will build mutual understanding to improve how industry can constructively advocate for safe and commercially viable modifications and provide a level of insight into the government in-service regulation perspective. The session will be a panel format with Q&A to follow.	Scott Hall - Manager Vehicle Standards, Dept of Transport & Main Roads Luke Truskinger - Managing Director Auto Innovation Centre Adam Shaw - Principal Engineer, Vehicle Standards, Dept of Transport & Main Roads John Clark - General Manager of Engineering, ARB
10.05 Tea Break				
Emerging Issues	10:30	Will EVs signal the end of vehicle modification?	A keynote address by Dave Budge, CEO of Jaunt Motors will provide important insights on what the future of EV modification might look like and will EV's signal the end of vehicle customisation? A Q&A will follow.	Dave Budge - CEO, Jaunt Motors
	10:50	Lithium Battery Applications and Certifications	Analysis of different types of lithium batteries available on the market and the applications suitable for light vehicle modifications. How to identify relevant lithium batteries certifications, and what do they mean to an installer?	Ryan Hammond - Director, Sealed Performance Batteries
	11:10	Best Practice Regulation Influence	International vs Australian modification trends - if its legal over there, why isn't it legal here? What can we learn from what we've done well and what does that mean for our future. Rob Herrod will take a retrospective look at 30 years of influencing policy and Mike Davison will explore the balance between meeting the market and the constraints of regulation. This session will be a panel format followed by a Q&A.	Mike Davison - General Manager, Lovells Rob Herrod - Director, Herrod Motorsport Lesley Yates - Director of Government Relations, AAAA
	11:45	What are the emerging modification issues?	This session will allow each table of summit attendees time to decide on their 'top three' emerging modification regulatory issues. The issues will be collated and a summary will form part of the 2pm afternoon session.	Mike Tomsett - Director of OE Sales of Brink Group
	12:00	Advanced Driver Assistance Systems (ADAS) and Modifications	Advanced Driver Assistance Systems (ADAS) is a crucial new domain for our industry to understand and integrate into planning for vehicle modifications. Luke Truskinger, MD of the Auto Innovation Centre will share insights into results from real-world ADAS vehicle testing. ADAS Technical Working Group members will then share current challenges and plans to ensure ADAS compliance for modifications is accessible and standardised.	Luke Truskinger - Managing Director, Auto Innovation Centre Neil Riley - Product and Aftersales Manager, HELLA

12:30 Lunch Break				
Emerging Issues	13:15	Dept of Transport: Improving Applications, Approval Process and ROVER	Federal Government Vehicle Safety Team will provide insight into the timelines relating to applications and the approval process with ROVER, and what the industry can do to expedite these processes.	Wayne Bryant - Assistant Director, RVS Legislation, Policy and Partnerships, Road and Vehicle Safety Division Graham Evans - Director, RVS Legislation, Policy and Partnerships, Road and Vehicle Safety Division Luke Truskinger - Managing Director, Auto Innovation Centre
	14:00	State and Federal Inconsistencies & VSB14	With learnings from the morning session on the emerging issues that cause the greatest grief for modifiers this session begins the process of where as an industry we should put our efforts, and what are the highest priority ROVER and SSM issues for the next 12 to 24 months to focus on.	Lesley Yates - Director of Government Relations, AAAA Ray Smith-Roberts - Managing Director, Creative Conversions
	14:30	Modifications and the Motor Vehicle Information Sharing Law	Aftermarket product manufacturers and modifiers require manufacturer vehicle information, and the new MVIS law provides this access. So how do you access this information? Rodger Nardi from the Australian Automotive Service and Repair Authority will explain the process, followed by a Q&A session, facilitated by Stuart Charity and joined by Grant Walden from Allin Towbars.	Rodger Nardi - Executive Officer, AASRA Stuart Charity - CEO, AAAA Grant Walden - Operations Manager, Allin Towbars
15:00 Tea Break				
Collaboration/ other perspectives	15:15	A Certifiers Perspective on Vehicle Modifications	What are the pitfalls and challenges for licenced certifiers? How can our industry work together to support the car owner's journey from modification to registration? This session will start with a short keynote presentation followed by a panel discussion.	Joseph Butterworth - Mechanical Engineer, Custom Vehicle Services David Blythe - Principal Engineer, DB Autotech Andrew Goddard - Managing Director, Cruisemaster Nigel Bishop - National Membership Manager, AAAA
	15:45	Consumer Awareness	Where are consumers seeking advice about modifications and regulations? Should we be working together to improve the accuracy of information in the field? A panel of experts will explore the important consumer awareness aspect of vehicle modifications.	Baydon Fawcett - 4WD Australia Matt Logan - Head of Customer Experience & Retail Strategy, TJM
	16:15	Finish	Wrapping-up the summit, and how the industry can keep momentum to ensure better regulatory outcomes across the country.	Graham Scudamore Smith - Managing Director, Fulcrum Suspension