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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition 4247-25, lodged with the Legislative Assembly on 9 December 2025 about motor vehicle noise pollution.

The Crisafulli Government recognises the concerns raised by petitioners and understands that noise pollution—particularly from modified vehicles and motorbikes—is an issue for residents. The Department of Transport and Main Roads is committed to addressing these challenges and appreciates community insights, which play a critical role in shaping enforcement activities.

All vehicles in Australia are required to comply with the Australian Design Rules (ADR), which are national standards governing vehicle safety, anti-theft measures, and emissions. Since 2005, vehicles supplied to the Australian market must adhere to Vehicle Standard ADR83, which specifies the maximum allowable decibel-based noise limits for vehicles to be legal for use in Australia. Vehicles being registered for the first time in Queensland, re-registered after registration has expired, or being transferred to a new owner, are required to be thoroughly inspected and issued with a safety certificate that includes confirmation of compliance with ADR83.

It is important that noise regulations are nationally consistent to facilitate the efficient importation of vehicles into Australia. As Australia is an import-only light vehicle market, accounting for just one per cent of the global vehicle trade, it is essential for all Australian jurisdictions—including Queensland—to maintain consistent standards for road vehicles. Any deviation—such as the introduction of unique requirements like decibel-based vehicle noise limits by any state or territory—may result in impacts on vehicle supply to that region and as such Queensland noise regulations will remain consistent to those nationally at this time.

Introducing a requirement that all vehicles be inspected every two years would increase costs for vehicle owners. Instead, targeted on-road enforcement is considered a more effective approach. To address the issue of excessive vehicle noise, my department works closely with the Queensland Police Service (QPS) to enforce noise regulations and respond to community concerns. TMR's transport inspectors (TIs) conduct targeted on-road operations to intercept and inspect vehicles, ensuring compliance with regulatory requirements, particularly in relation to noise emissions, modifications, and roadworthiness. TMR TIs can take appropriate action when a vehicle is found to be producing excessive noise.

In collaboration with QPS, TMR conducts joint operations in identified locations across Queensland. These operations include increased patrols and targeted enforcement activities to deter illegal vehicle modifications and unsafe driving practices contributing to excessive noise. This coordinated approach ensures resources are directed to areas of greatest need, particularly those highlighted by community feedback.

I encourage residents to report noisy or illegally modified vehicles by contacting TMR via telephone on 13 23 80 or lodging a complaint online at www.tmr.qld.gov.au/Contact-us. Providing specific details (such as the vehicle registration number) will greatly assist in investigations. For concerns specifically related to driver behaviour and hooning, QPS can be contacted via the Policelink hotline by telephone on 131 444 or through its online reporting platform at www.police.qld.gov.au/policelink-reporting.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brent Mickelberg". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

BRENT MICKELBERG MP
Minister for Transport and Main Roads