

9 February 2009

Queensland Transport

Ms Elaine Hamilton
Hon Secretary
MG Car Club of Qld Inc.
GPO Box 1847
Brisbane Qld 4001

Dear Ms Hamilton

Thank you for your letter of 28 January 2009 requesting clarification of the use of your members' vehicles to attend weekly club meetings.

As you are aware, the Special Interest Vehicle registration concession scheme, formerly known as the Veteran, Vintage, Classic and Historic Concessions Scheme, was developed in consultation with Queensland veteran and vintage vehicle associations to provide car club members with a registration alternative for their classic historic vehicles.

The intention of the scheme was essentially to enable car enthusiasts to pursue their hobby of restoration and display their historic vehicles while receiving the benefit of reduced registration fees. Their usage is restricted to those approved by Queensland Transport and the registration fee and compulsory third party insurance premium reflects the limited use that applies to these vehicles.

I note that you see attendance at club meetings as "an opportunity for members to display their cars to other members and share information and advice." Should your weekly meetings be a sanctioned event in your club's calendar, the use of these vehicles to attend these meetings would be acceptable under the condition "*Exhibiting the vehicle in displays, fetes or similar functions conducted for religious, charitable or educational purposes.*"

It should be noted however, that any additional use of the vehicle other than driving the vehicle to and from the clubroom would be considered personal use and would not be considered an approved usage. The purpose of the travel must be to attend the official club meeting and for no other purpose. It may not also be used as a means of transport. For example, running errands, stopping to shop, taxiing family or friends to locations on route to and from the clubroom are considered personal use and as such are not an approved usage.

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As you can appreciate, this additional usage would not be viewed favourably by other vehicle operators who have limited use of their vehicles without the benefit of a concession.

If you would like further clarification of this advice, please call Laura O'Dea on 32534195. Laura will be happy to help you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ian McKinnon', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ian McKinnon
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