



NSW MINISTER FOR ROADS
MICHAEL DALEY MP

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MINISTER AGREES TO FURTHER CONSULTATION ON **CAR MODIFICATION LAWS**

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Minister for Roads Michael Daley today met with representatives from the 4WD community and car industry who asked for the introduction of proposed vehicle modification rules to be delayed and for more time to consult.

Mr Daley said he agreed to put the rule changes on hold and that more consultation was needed following the meeting.

"I've listened to feedback from the industry and the community, and have agreed to set up a working party to look more closely at how we are going to address this road safety issue," he said.

"All of those who attended today's meeting agreed that safety is paramount and that unsafe modifications of vehicles do need be stamped out.

"The working group will include representatives from the NSW Centre for Road Safety, Four Wheel Drive NSW-ACT, Australian Automotive Aftermarket Association, the Australian 4WD Industry Council as well as other agencies and experts," Mr Daley said.

Executive Director of Australian Automotive Aftermarket Association Stuart Charity said this was a terrific outcome.

"We're passionate about road safety and we understand the intent of the regulation is to make the roads safer," he said.

We're looking forward to working towards a practical solution that meets road safety objectives while also taking industry views into account," Mr Charity said.

Greg Redfern from Four Wheel Drive NSW-ACT also welcomed the outcome and said the working group would have their full support.

"We want to eliminate unsafe practices in the driving community and we'll work with the government to make sure these new regulations meet those objectives without any adverse consequences for the motoring community at large," he said.

"We all agree that there is no place for extreme and illegal modifications, but the clubs in our association follow a strict code of conduct and ethics, and we want to make sure they're not punished," Mr Redfern said.

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