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Good afternoon Sharon,

Thank you for your recent correspondence dated 11 February 2022.

I can advise that the decision making process for granting new conditional registration sheets includes the involvement of several departments across Transport for NSW (TfNSW). Each business area contributes technical and policy advice with final recommendations considered and approved.

Conditional registration is designed to provide road users with limited road access to perform specific functions with a non-standard vehicle, such as street sweepers or ride-on lawn mowers. Road users cannot get conditional registration for a non-standard vehicle if a vehicle that complies with Australian Design Rules (ADRs) can be used instead.

The ADRs are national standards and ensure road vehicles supplied to the market meet minimum safety requirements, such as crash avoidance and mitigation systems. These systems are introduced to vehicles after extensive consideration of the safety benefits they provide to the community.

Factors that Transport for NSW must consider when designing a new conditional vehicle registration sheet include but are not limited to:

- If a standard complying vehicle can be used for the task;
- level of compliance to Australian Design Rules;
- level of safety provided to the operator of the vehicle and passengers;
- compatibility of the vehicle with other road users and pedestrians;
- usage levels and time of the day or night the vehicle will be operated;
- where the vehicle will be used such as geographic location, road condition, traffic volumes;
- the appropriate compulsory third party insurance protection for injury or death to other road users.

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A review of conditional registration for Scotland Island remains ongoing. As you would be aware shortly after TfNSW's visit to Scotland Island an internal working group was brought together to consider if conditional registration is appropriate for the Island.

Currently staff are examining the above considerations including what conditions would need to be included for any conditional registration arrangements. The risks and any potential mitigation strategies are currently being considered before Transport for NSW finalises its decision.

Transport for NSW is committed to resolving the current uncertainty around conditional registration for the residents on the Island.

In response to other issues raised in your latest email I note the following:

- Transport for NSW will consider providing comment and high-level recommendations on improvements to the road environment on Scotland Island to the Northern Beaches Council.
- In 2021 a decision was made by Transport for NSW to hold all approvals of conditional registration on the island. Scotland Island roads were (and continue to be) shared by both pedestrians and vehicles. Use of golf buggies on these shared roads presented significant safety risks for the driver and passengers. In 2021 Transport for NSW further determined that there was an unsatisfactory level of risk in allowing conditionally registered vehicles on the Island.
- The current position of TfNSW is that all golf buggies, ultra-light utility vehicles and quad bikes are not eligible for conditional registration on the island for domestic purposes. Residents may apply for conditional registration for alternative non –standard vehicles, however these will be considered on a case-by-case basis and must serve a purpose that a complying vehicle can't perform.
- It is likely that any application for an ultra-light utility (side by side) for example would be placed on hold pending the outcome of Transport for NSW's current review of conditional registration requirements for the Island.
- I have noted the feedback with respect to 'floating' and condition LO3 – "restricted to designated area/routes".

I will continue to keep the Association updated as our review progresses.

Kind regards



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