



Media release

Minister for Transport and Main Roads and Minister for Digital Services

The Honourable Bart Mellish

TMR to investigate non-compliant vehicle safety certificates

- The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) is establishing a dedicated taskforce to tackle non-compliant and fraudulent vehicle safety certificates and are working with the Queensland Police Service (QPS).
- TMR is aware that a number of non-compliant vehicle safety certificates, also known as 'roadworthies' have been issued across Queensland.
- Non-compliant and fraudulent vehicle safety certificates pose a road safety risk to Queensland road users.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) is establishing a dedicated taskforce to tackle vehicle safety certificate compliance.

TMR has been made aware that a number of vehicle safety inspection certificates, also known as 'roadworthies' may have been issued across Queensland without a thorough physical inspection of the vehicle being conducted.

TMR is aware that 'no inspection required' safety certificates are also being offered through social media channels. These certificates are non-compliant and will not be accepted at TMR customer service centres.

Any person who believes they may have recently been issued a safety certificate without a thorough inspection of the vehicle being undertaken can go to the TMR website to find out more information on what you need to do. TMR are also in the process of establishing an information hotline as part of the task force establishment.

The TMR website provides details on the types of inspections that must be performed on a vehicle, what the inspection includes, and the maximum fees that can be charged for a safety certificate.

Customers with questions, concerns or information can call 3550 7035 or visit <https://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/Contact-us>

Quotes attributable to the Transport and Main Roads Minister Bart Mellish:

“Choosing a used vehicle is a big decision. I urge Queenslanders to do their research and know their rights when buying and selling vehicles.

“This is a timely reminder of the importance of maintaining your vehicle safety through regular vehicle maintenance and servicing in line with your vehicle manufacturer guidelines.

“Make no mistake, we will continue to investigate these matters and action will be taken against those who are doing the wrong thing”.

Fast facts:

- TMR requires people to obtain a vehicle safety certificate upon transfer of ownership, or when registering an unregistered vehicle.
- TMR accredits approved examiners, who are engaged by ‘Approved Inspection Stations’ (AIS), to issue these certificates.
- Vehicle safety certificates must be based on a an in-person physical inspection of the vehicle at an AIS to ensure it meets minimum safety requirements before being registered and used on road.
- Sellers are responsible for organising an appropriate vehicle inspection by an approved examiner prior to the selling of any vehicle.
- Buyers should confirm a physical inspection was undertaken by an approved examiner when accepting the safety certificate at the time of vehicle purchase.

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