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Mr Neil Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
Parliament House
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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition 3551-21 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Nicholas Dametto, Member for Hinchinbrook on 31 August 2021 about mandating electronic warning systems in vehicles for children left unattended.

When it comes to regulating road vehicles, there is a clear differentiation of the roles between the Australian Government, the state governments and territories. The role of the Australian Government is to manage the standards that are applicable to new (and imported used) road vehicles at the point of their first supply to the Australian market. Queensland, like other states and territories, has the responsibility to manage and maintain the standards of in-service vehicles.

Therefore, the national standards that apply to new vehicles including *Australian Design Rules* (ADR) are developed, implemented and administered by the Australian Government. The decision to implement a new ADR mandating electronic warning systems in vehicles also sits with the Australian Government and I am writing to the Honourable Barnaby Joyce MP, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development to ask that he consider the petition.

In addition, it may be of interest to note that the Australasian New Car Assessment Program (ANCAP), which is Australasia's independent vehicle safety authority, publishes safety ratings for a range of new vehicles entering the Australian market. ANCAP encourages vehicle manufacturers to fit additional safety features voluntarily and is currently considering new testing protocols to come into effect from 2023. The current ANCAP proposal includes features such as an alert system to detect unattended children.

I would like to thank all petitioners for bringing their concerns to the attention of the House.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mark Bailey', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

MARK BAILEY MP
Minister for Transport and Main Roads