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Four Wheel Drive Licence Policy

The Australian National Four Wheel Drive Council **does not** support the introduction of special licences for drivers of any four wheel drive vehicles. The reasons for this policy include:

1. Federal, State, Local Government agencies and four wheel drive vehicle organisations agree that drivers rather than vehicles are generally to blame for the majority of “accidents” that occur on the roads. The Council maintains that discriminating against a particular vehicle type fails to address the prime factor in most accidents – that of driver error.
2. Four wheel-drivers are entitled to be treated equally with other drivers operating vehicles in the nationally recognised “Up to 4.5 tonne GVM” classification. The range of four wheel drive vehicles and their comparison to similar two wheel drive vehicles makes further subdivision of the classification based on vehicle type impractical and unrealistic.
3. Federal, State, Local Government agencies and four wheel drive vehicle organisations recognise that education is a shared responsibility in the following areas:
 - Driver training & licensing
 - Pedestrian safety practices
 - Occupational Health and Safety (OH&S) practices
4. Federal, State, Local Government agencies and four wheel drive vehicle organisations recognise that planning, development and management of shared transport areas is a shared responsibility.
5. Federal and State Government agencies acknowledge that a special licence for four wheel-drive vehicle use is not warranted.

THIS POLICY SUPPORTS THE
AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL FOUR WHEEL DRIVE COUNCIL
CODE OF CONDUCT – ON ROAD DRIVING.

Produced by the ANFWDC in the interest of promoting responsible four wheel drive vehicle use.

For advice and assistance in meeting the requirements of this National Recreational Four Wheel Drive Vehicle Policy contact the Public Relations Officer, ANFWDC PO Box 79, CANBERRA ACT 2601

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