

## **MINO-818 [PROACTIVE] Federation of Motoring Clubs (FOMC) proposal to extend Warrant of Fitness (WoF) and Certificate of Fitness (CoF) periods for club members**

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Provide an update on the proposal from the FOMC to extend WoF and CoF periods for club members.

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### **No Surprises Update from Director of Land Transport: FOMC proposal to extend WoF and CoF periods for club members**

This is a matter related to the exercise of independent statutory powers of the Director of Land Transport.

FOMC is an umbrella organisation for motoring clubs which have in the order of 115,000 members. The members own vehicles in a range of vehicle classes such as vintage cars, classic cars and motorhomes. In 2021 Harry Duynhoven (outgoing FOMC President and former Associate Minister of Transport) raised with then Minister of Transport, Hon Michael Wood, and Waka Kotahi officials the possibility of extending WoF and CoF periods from six months to 12 months for members of their clubs. FOMC state that their members travel a low number of kilometres per year and hold their vehicles to a higher standard than the general fleet, and therefore should be provided with a longer period between WoF and COF's.

Minister Wood requested that Waka Kotahi do some work to understand whether there were any solutions that didn't involve rule/legislation change. The former Director of Land Transport had provisionally indicated favourable intent towards a trial period of 12-month WoF and CoF. This indication was communicated to FOMC, Minister Wood, and the National Party Transport Spokesperson, Simeon Brown. Subsequent policy and legal work has highlighted several issues which means it is highly unlikely that the proposal will proceed without legislative change. An early assessment by the Director of Land Transport found that the situation does not warrant the use of the Director of Land Transport powers to issue a class exemption.

It is possible that FOMC, its member organisations, or individual members may reach out to your office or to members from other political parties (refer MI-702 and Written Parliamentary Question 2790 (2023)).

The Director of Land Transport will provide your office with an update once a final determination has been made – likely to be towards the end of July.