MINO-475 Clean Car Standard and Motorcycles

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Provide a view on the Motor Industry Association's suggestion to reclassify motorcycles as Type A vehicles in order to exclude these vehicles from the ambit of the Clean Car Standard (CCS).

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency's response:

- The suggestion to reclassify motorcycles as Type A vehicles would not enable motorcycles to be excluded from the requirements to have an account and record Carbon Dioxide (CO_2) emissions under the Land Transport (Clean Vehicles) Amendment Act 2022 (the Act).

- Declaring motorcycles to be Type A vehicles, then excluding motorcycles, does not change whether motorcycles are considered light vehicles for the purposes of Part 13 of the Act.

- 'Excluded' vehicles are only excluded from being Type A and Type B vehicles; they are still required to comply with the remainder of the requirements specified in Part 13 of the Act which refer to 'light vehicles' generally.

- Essentially, excluded vehicles do not pay charges or generate credits. However, these vehicles still need to have accounts and record CO_2 emissions.

- Waka Kotahi understands this view is consistent with the view of Te Manatū Waka Ministry of Transport, who has advice from Crown Law confirming the interpretation.