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Dear Mr Murray

I am writing to you regarding the amendments to the Primary Producer Concession Scheme (PPCS).

As a result of a recent review of the PPCS, TMR has made changes to the PPCS to better support primary producers in their businesses and to ensure the sustainability of the scheme into the future.

The changes, starting on **7 July 2023**, will create an improved PPCS by strengthening the application requirements, allowing limited sharing of vehicles between recognised primary producers, and putting in place stronger penalties to ensure only those who are entitled to the concession are accessing the benefits.

TMR engaged a range of stakeholders over the course of the review from both the agricultural industry and the transport sector more broadly. The result of this engagement is a balanced package of changes outlined below.

### ***What's new?***

#### *New definitions for primary producers*

The definition of a primary producer has been updated and new definitions have been added to support vehicle sharing in the PPCS. The guide at **Attachment 1** explains these new definitions.

#### *New application requirements*

To apply to register a vehicle under the PPCS, applicants will need to provide evidence of your status as a primary producer. Evidence will need to be in the form of a signed statement from a registered tax agent or a qualified accountant.

If you wish to share your existing vehicle registered under the PPCS, or borrow a vehicle registered under the PPCS, you will also need to provide evidence of your status as a primary producer.

The Primary Producer Concession Application (F5381) has been updated to include a section for this to be completed. Once you have proven your eligibility, you will become a recognised primary producer.

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### *Vehicle sharing*

Recognised primary producers with a vehicle registered under the PPCS will be able to nominate to share their vehicle/s with up to five other recognised primary producers.

It is important to note that the vehicle must be used solely for carrying on the primary production business of the recognised primary producer using the vehicle.

Any transportation of primary produce must be incidental to the main activity of the production of primary produce. The vehicle must not be hired or advertised/arranged for hire.

Failure to comply with the rules of the PPCS may result in an on-the-spot fine of \$990, with a maximum penalty in excess of \$12,000.

### ***How am I affected?***

If you do not wish to register any additional vehicles under the PPCS, or enter into a sharing arrangement, you do not need to do anything. Your concession will remain in place.

If you wish to register any additional vehicles under the PPCS, you will need to complete the Primary Producer Concession Application (F5381), including the declaration from a registered tax agent or qualified accountant.

If you wish to enter into a sharing arrangement as either the registered operator (sharer) or the nominated primary producer (borrower), you will need to complete the Primary Producer Sharing Application (F5384). If you have not yet proven your status as a recognised primary producer, you will also need to complete the Primary Producer Concession Application (F5381), including the declaration from a registered tax agent or qualified accountant.

You must not share your primary production vehicle unless TMR has notified you that your Primary Producer Sharing Application has been approved.

You must notify TMR within 14 days of a change in circumstances which impacts your status as a recognised primary producer. Failure to do so may result in an on the spot fine of \$990, with a maximum penalty in excess of \$12,000.

Please contact **13 23 80** for any queries relating to this matter.

Yours sincerely



**Joanna Robinson**

Acting General Manager (Land Transport Safety and Regulation)

## Your guide to the new Primary Producer Concession Scheme (PPCS)

Term	Definition	What can each of these customer types do?
Primary Producer	<p><i>primary producer</i> means a person who carries on a business in which—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) the main activity of the business is the production of primary produce; and</li> <li>b) any transportation of primary produce is incidental to the main activity.</li> </ul>	<p>This definition replaces the previous definition of primary producer in the Vehicle Registration Regulation.</p> <p>The new definition clarifies that any transportation of primary produce must be incidental to the main activity of the production of primary produce.</p>
Recognised Primary Producer	<p>A <i>recognised primary producer</i> is a person who holds an authorisation for a heavy primary production vehicle under section 228C of the <i>Transport Operations (Road Use Management – Vehicle Registration) Regulation 2021</i> (Vehicle Registration Regulation).</p>	<p>A recognised primary producer is a primary producer who has provided TMR with evidence from a registered tax agent or qualified accountant, supporting their status as a primary producer.</p> <p>A recognised primary producer may:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• apply for a concessional registration on an eligible vehicle under the Primary Producer Concession Scheme.</li> <li>• Share their concessionally registered vehicle with up to five (5) other recognised primary producers.</li> <li>• Be nominated to use another recognised primary producer's concessionally registered vehicle for carrying on their own primary production business.</li> </ul>
Nominated Primary Producer	<p>A <i>nominated primary producer</i> is a person who is given a notice under section 228F of the Vehicle Registration Regulation authorising them to use a vehicle.</p>	<p>A nominated primary producer is a recognised primary producer who able to use another recognised primary producers concessionally registered vehicle which they have been nominated to use.</p>