



# RVMAP Technical Alert



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## Mounting of Rear Lamps

Caravan Industry Association of Australia has strong dialogue with Vehicle Safety Standards, the federal regulators responsible for the development, application and enforcement of the Australian Design Rules (ADRs). The RVMAP technical team engage in regular ongoing correspondence with VSS on behalf of the industry, to provide clarity to RVMAP Manufacturers on the application of relevant ADRs to building recreational vehicles.

In recent times, there has been some confusion around the terms “structure” and “bodywork”, when in reference to the maximum height at which you can fit the stop/tail lamps and indicators to the rear of a recreational vehicle which has several items or accessories mounted to the rear bumper bar (figure 1).

Caravan Industry Association of Australia has received written advice from VSS in regards to what is classified as a “structure” or “bodywork” when referring to this regulation.

**VSS does not consider that any accessories fitted to a vehicle (including rear bumper mounted items such as spare tyres, tool boxes, jerry can holders etc.) to be considered part of the structure or bodywork of a vehicle or trailer.** Irrespective of whether these “accessories” are bolted or welded on, VSS does not consider the fitment of these items a **structural** reason to increase the height of the stop/tail lamps and indicators from 1500mm up to 2100mm from the ground as detailed in Australian Design Rule 13/00: *Installation of Lighting and Light Signalling Devices on other than L-Group Vehicles.*

The RVMAP technical team will be working closely with all RVMAP Manufacturers to ensure compliance to this regulation is achieved.

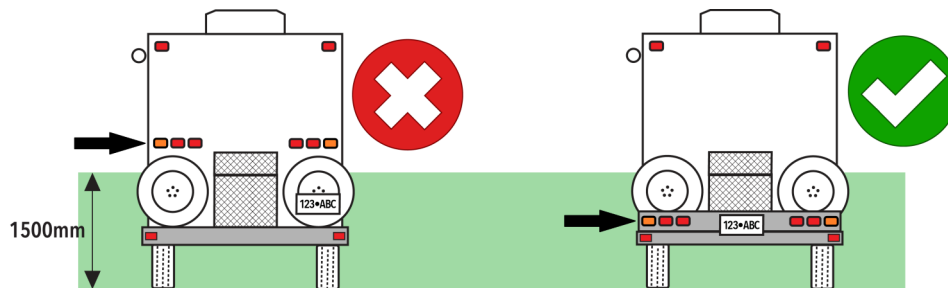


Figure 1



Working collaboratively with State Associations on matters which affect the Caravanning and Camping Industry.

