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REAL PROTECTION FOR SECOND-HAND CAR BUYERS

All vehicles sold by second-hand car dealers would require an inspection under a proposal announced by Independent MLC Ann Bressington in parliament today.

Ms Bressington is moving amendments to the Government's *Second-Hand Vehicle Dealers (Cooling-Off Rights) Amendment Bill 2009*.

“The amendments will require dealers to provide consumers with a report from a vehicle inspection, similar to what is currently offered by the RAA,” Ms Bressington said.

“As inspections will be independent of the dealer, consumers will be provided with full disclosure of any mechanical defects.

Ms Bressington said the amendments would protect vulnerable consumers by preventing dealers from hiding serious defects in vehicles.

“To the untrained eye, it is difficult to tell that a seemingly mechanically sound vehicle is actually far from it.

“These amendments will ensure that consumers know exactly what they are looking at, and pay a price that more accurately reflects a vehicle’s value.”

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