

## Changes to ADR

While looking at the current ADRs, this is a good opportunity to look at some of the vehicle standards and adjust them to fit better with more modern cars. A big issue that affects nearly all drivers now, is the brightness of headlights. Drivers get dazzled when a car is coming in the other direction and can often be momentarily blinded. This issue is exacerbated by the fact that vehicles are getting larger and larger (too large) which means their headlights are higher up, therefore at eye level with drivers of smaller vehicles. That leads onto another big issue, the size of vehicles in Australia now. SUVs and “pick up trucks” or big utes are becoming ever more common on the roads and they present many dangers not to mention the inconvenience they also cause. These types of vehicles, especially those with bonnets at the height of an adult’s head, are extremely dangerous, not just to people outside of cars but to people in smaller cars too as the normal protection methods and structure of the vehicle don’t help as the other vehicle is so much larger. These larger vehicles are more dangerous, worse for the environment as they are heavier, and also makes maintenance of road infrastructure more expensive as they cause more wear and tear as well as needing more room. The ADRs should be adjusted so that it is easier for companies to bring more of the kind of car that we want on our roads into Australia. If it continues to be more difficult for the types of cars that are a greater burden on society such as the large “pick up trucks” to be sold in Australia, then more of the kinds of cars we do want such as small electric SUVs and hatchbacks etc will be available.