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## Step 1: Your submission

### Remain Anonymous

Yes

### Private Submission

No



### Short comment

All passenger and commercial vehicles must meet efficiency standards. There is no logical reason for any exemptions.

Fuel efficiency standards are designed to reduce dangerous emissions. Large SUV's produce more emissions simply because of their size and weight, this should not be a reason for an emissions exemption or safety standards exemption. All sorts of vehicles are used for commercial purposes, one class of vehicle should not receive special exemption status.

Large SUV's are deliberately marketed by car manufacturers to avoid emission standards. They also don't meet the same safety standards as smaller cars. This means their cost is being subsidised by the community. The costs to the community of large SUV's on our roads are:"

- More road deaths to pedestrians and other road users
- More hospital admissions of pedestrians (particularly children) and other road users
- Less road space on our increasingly congested roads
- Less available public parking because of more space required for large SUV's
- More hazardous conditions for cyclists, pedestrians, and users of mobility devices.
- Larger proportion of land required to park larger vehicles – standards for carparking space being upsized, more parking and garage space on private land required for larger SUV's increasing paved areas and urban heating.
- Greater amounts of air pollutants impacting health outcomes for all
- Increased greenhouse gases warming our planet.

The transport sector is a major contributor of greenhouse gases and at all levels changes are required to reduce emissions – shipping, aircraft, rail, heavy transport, light transport and domestic transport. They all need to make a contribution. Now is not the time to be carving out exemptions, now is the time to be systematically addressing all of these sectors to make real improvements in transport emissions.

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