

The purpose for the regulations is to improve the safety, environmental performance and security of road vehicles in Australia.

This is not being achieved effectively by the current application of the regulations which restricts the import of vehicles that would better meet these criteria.

Suggested Amendments

We need a nationally uniform system that is clear and fair, giving Australians access to the best possible vehicles from around the world at the lowest prices. The newest, safest and most efficient vehicles should be encouraged and restrictions to competition removed.

- Create an **Imported Vehicle Scheme (IVS)** based on the SEVS framework
- RAWs to continue under the same general guidelines
- Make it easier and less expensive for RAWs to add new models to their schedule
- Move towards adopting uniform UNECE international standards rather than separate ADR's
- Accept alternative emissions evidence to avoid expensive testing arrangements
- Allow OEM catalytic convertors and charcoal canisters to be retained, unless faulty
- Allow HID headlights (conversion reduces quality / safety)
- Allow the import of any vehicle younger than 10 years, up to 500 vehicles per RAW per year. Quota to be reviewed and increased annually for gradual phase-in.
- Retain existing rules and quotas for specialist and enthusiast vehicles to meet niche demand
- Allow the import of enthusiast, classic or historic vehicles over 25 years old. Compliance by RAWs to ensure quality, safety and emissions standards. 100 vehicle quota per RAW per year. Vehicles with safety and emissions enhancements (e.g. brakes, suspension, steering, newer engines etc.) to be allowed.

These simple amendments would achieve the aim of the Act and Regulations, save lives, and benefit the environment. Many new businesses would also be created, resulting in a more innovative industry and thousands of new and sustainable jobs across Australia.

Thank you for your time and consideration.