

To Whom it May Concern,

As an interested individual who has been impacted by our archaic import laws on multiple occasions I believe that there should be no limitations on personal imports which adhere to the appropriate motor vehicle standard laws, except for where the manufacturer has directly imported this vehicle in full volume.

For example, BMW currently offer it's M5 in sedan guise to the Australian market, however, for lifestyle and family reasons I would be looking to purchase this as a station-wagon / estate variant. The current laws restrict me from being able to purchase this vehicle as it does not fit within any of the current import guidelines.

I understand that this law may have been in place to restrict the impact that (possibly) cheaper imported cars may have on local manufacturing, however, with the recent removal of Ford from the Australian market and Holden suggesting that they may move the same way, this law has no purpose within the industry.

There is no other industry in Australia where the government has so heavy-handedly stopped consumers from being able to purchase whichever product they choose, from either local or international vendors. These vehicles on offer in International markets would meet or exceed current regulations and this change will open a range of employment opportunities for people importing spare-parts, opening specialist workshops as well as improving the accessibility of newer vehicles to lower income earners as the prices of used cars will be reduced.

I believe that, as a consumer, I should be free to make choices on my purchasing habits and which vendor I purchase from. There is no logical opposition to this change and I urge the review panel to consider the benefits that this will bring to the motor vehicle industry in Australia.

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