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Dear Sir.

My name is Andrew Norton, owner of Freedom Motor Homes on the Gold Coast. I have been building motor homes for over 25 years, supporting the need for bus and van fit outs using the following vehicles:

Toyota Hiaces, Toyota Coasters, Mazda Bongos and HINOs.

Why is my business being cut off at the knees or basically shut down when this is discrimination.

The Estimats and Elgrands have been given leniency, ie an extra two years but all other legitimate importers are given nothing. I have done nothing wrong to be penalised like this so why should other models have leniency. You are saying that you understand people have built businesses around Estimats and Elgrands. But I have also built a very successful business around fitting out imported vehicles.

Your argument is, that you can buy them here, sure you can.

But these vehicles do not come with special features such as 4WD, airbag suspensions, automatic transmissions and turbo on the Hiaces. Mazda Bongos are not sold in Australia and imported Toyota Coasters have turbo, airbags and automatic transmission which a lot of people want.

We also support up to another 15 local businesses on the Gold Coast and we all have families to support.

Please give this submission serious consideration.

With kind regards,

Andrew Norton

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