

Dear Sir/Madam: MVSAreview@infrastructure.gov.au

Please find attached Paradise Motor Homes' submission for the *Review of the MVSA 1989*.

The response is restricted to Recreational Vehicles (RVs), and in particular to "Motorhomes".

Due to the lack of time, I have attached a copy of my submission to the National Transport Commission's Review of the ADR's that was sent to them in late 2011 and a copy of my Motorhome Safety Seminar Handout which is handed to every attendee at my CMCA Motorhome Safety Seminars.

My submission covers the wide range of concerns regarding the safety of motorhome occupants and the lack of construction standards in motorhomes.

There are many serious problems that relate directly to the fact that there is no clear definition and/or separation between caravans and motorhomes. Whilst caravans are towable and can't legally have occupants while being towed, motorhomes are a motor vehicle and subsequently have occupants. Yet under the current regulations there are no construction standards for motorhomes resulting in manufacturers freely building motorhomes that will disintegrate around the occupants like a caravan in an accident.

This dangerous situation is compounded by the fact that the industry is self-regulated and associations such as the RVMAA, who supposedly audit motorhomes, do not weigh the RVs or include even the most basic ADR regulations such as occupants being exposed to glass mirrors inside the vehicle.

Please contact the writer if you require any further information.

Kind Regards

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