

## Submission 28: RVS Legislation Consultation

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Dear Sir/Madam

To Whom it may concern,

With regards to the changes to the Motor Vehicle Standards Act 2017

There has been talk of imported left hand drive heavy vehicles being a risk as their previous history is unavailable in Australia which leads to questions regarding the safety of the second-hand imported vehicles.

Every conversion undertaken in the Vulcan Motors Workshop is thoroughly checked for worn and damaged parts. Each vehicle has steering and braking components checked and are replaced as required. (This includes crack testing of steering components and replacing these as required. )

Over the last 15 years (approx.) we chose to replace truck front axles with new Australian supplied front axles before they are delivered to the Australian roads. As a recommendation to keep the NC category, I would suggest that new steering axles and components be made mandatory in left to right conversions of heavy vehicles and pre 1989 heavy vehicles have full crack testing of steering components and the vehicles signed off by an engineer to verify any testing. The option for vehicles to endure testing for safety is a far better option than disallowing the NC category all together.

In Victoria, each vehicle, whether historic, or new, has to have a current Victorian roadworthy before being able to drive on the road. I suggest that all imported heavy vehicles have a crack test report, signed off by an engineer as well the 054 report is required when registering the vehicle with a roadworthy, ensuring the vehicle is safe for road use.

Please consider my letter when making your changes to the legislation with regards to the NC category.

With regards,

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