

## Submission 2 – RVS Legislation Consultation



To whom it may concern;

With regards to the removal of the NC (heavy vehicle category) regarding vehicle imports.

The current decision to remove imported heavy vehicles will affect me and my business.

My name is Paul Andrews, a.k.a Sludge from the popular television show Outback Truckers. I have been driving my imported Peterbilt truck in the roughest, harshest conditions of outback Australia since 2009. In that time I have driven over 2.3 million kilometres in my Peterbilt.

Over the time I have appeared on the television show I have created a large fan base and following in Australia and overseas and a lot of interest in my Peterbilt truck. The show is aired in over 12 countries around the world.

I chose the imported Peterbilt truck over other locally made (and imported trucks) for many reasons, including durability, low repair costs and lighter tare weight. The durability of the truck and the low repair costs mean that I am off the road less for repairs and am able to supply goods my customers, providing a reliable service. Lower tare weight means that I am able to carry more freight , providing less traffic and wear and tear on the overburdened road system.

The next truck I purchase will be a Peterbilt, based purely on the exceptional run I have had in my vehicle.

Taking away the option of owning an imported Peterbilt truck is taking away my livelihood, and the dreams of others who wish to own one as well.

Please consider my submission when you make your decision.

Regards

Paul Andrews