

Submission 40: RVS Legislation Consultation

Submission to Road Vehicle Standards Bill 2018

I am writing to you to express my concerns regarding the proposed changes to the legislation also known as (RVS Bill), is of paramount interest to me. My business Sydney City Traders operates as a dealer in the imported Japanese cars supplying the niche Australian market. Sydney City Traders currently employs up to 5 people at any given time.

The purpose of this submission is to alert you to my concerns that directly affect the ongoing performance of my business. I fully understand the Australian Governments need to change the Road Vehicles Standards Bill 2018, however, the changes should incorporate and allow;

- The number of existing vehicles that are imported into Australia be allowed to continue to provide the Australian consumer with choice
- The existing number of vehicles be allowed to continue so that my business can continue to operate without disruption and continue to employ staff

The proposed changes will mean that 75% of complied vehicles will no longer be eligible and therefore, will have a significant and catastrophic effect on my business;

- Massive drop in my revenue (due to the significant drop in vehicle volumes 75%)
- Increased Costs
- Retrenching staff
- Shutting down my business
- Left with a lease on the premises

The changes will also affect other small businesses that we transact with and also other dealers around Australia that are in our situation transact with. These are;

- Painters
- Detailers
- Mechanics
- Compliance Centres
- Trimmers, and so on

This is reality, and it is causing me undue stress and many sleepless nights and hence, why I am voicing my concerns not only on for my business but my employees, my customers, my colleagues in the industry and my profession. As you can appreciate this has far reaching consequences for many small businesses in Australia.

From my understanding the Australian Government has always supported, encouraged small business and competition in all industries, and this is no exception.

Thank you for your consideration of my viewpoint on this matter. I believe it is an important issue, and would like to see the current legislation remain as is to ensure effective competition and the continued success of small businesses in the motor vehicle industry.

I will look forward to your reply expressing your opinions, and your current stance on the issue.

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