

Submission 58 – RVS Legislation Consultation

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Proposed Road Vehicle Standards legislation

I regret that I was only very recently became aware of these proposals, which are both extensive and complicated. My response is therefore both hurried and in very general terms.

I am a private classic car collector, enthusiast and a member of several historic car clubs. I do not have any commercial interest in the automotive industry, other than as a customer.

I trust that some sections of the Australian motor industry will be well served by the new regulations and that they will benefit from the governments claims that they will achieve “expanded consumer choice and reducing red tape” and “improved pathways for importing specialist and enthusiast vehicles.”

I am afraid that these claims do not apply to the older classic car segment of the market, which although substantial, has been poorly represented in this forum. So far as I am aware, It has not been included in the consultation with the government.

The previous system for the importation of classic cars was quite simple and, so far as I'm aware, was working well. I am not referring here to heavily modified cars, but traditional vintage and veteran classics, and those generally over 30 years old.

The new regulations are introducing a maze of new regulations, complexity, uncertainty and expense. I submit that they need to be examined carefully to ensure that an important sector of the market is not substantially disadvantaged.

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