

Submission 7 – RVS Legislation Consultation

Hello again, I notice the Consultation Sessions being held in coming days. I won't be able to attend however please consider the following two minor requests with regard to the draft Bill / Regulations.

25 Year Rule commencement date – this rule has been delayed along with the rest of the reforms for over 18 months. Can this component commence from *the date the Bill is actually passed* rather than wait for the 12 month transition period? A transition period will be useful for the new SEVS which operates quite differently however the 25 Year Rule is much simpler to administer and very similar to the current 1988 and older rule with each vehicle being considered on an age / model basis.

We make this request on behalf of the many enthusiasts who contact us every week concerned about fewer collector cars being available / rapidly rising prices as time goes on. If the transition period can be waived on this rule it would be received very positively by the enthusiast community who have been waiting a long time for this change !

Acceptable Damage for SEVS vehicles – the Draft indicates certain repairs will be acceptable; further detail isn't provided but it appears less stringent than the current SEVS. We would like to see imports treated on a level playing field with local vehicles in terms of an acceptable level of damage suitable for safe repair. Past / existing damage should be inspected / recorded by the AVV on the RAV / NEVDIS system so the end user can easily check this data with a standard pre-purchase check.

Some general feedback also which may be of interest to you – there is a growing interest in fuel efficient hybrid / electric vehicles based on the level of enquiries we are receiving. So there should be quite an uptake of these models in coming years once the new SEVS is available. Quite pleased to see this as Australia has been lagging behind many other countries in this regard and transport here obviously has a major environmental impact.

Regards

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