

## **Submission 12 – MVSA Review 2014**

Thank you for the opportunity to attend the workshop in Melbourne on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September.

It was very interesting to hear the wide range of positions and opinions from the various parts of the Australian motor vehicle industry.

Vehicle Inspection New Zealand (VINZ) has more than 20 years of history as a provider of regulatory inspections in the New Zealand motor industry. One of our major specialisations as an inspectorate is entry certification of second hand vehicles entering the NZ vehicle fleet. Used vehicles entering NZ must comply with NZ regulations. VINZ through a network of compliance agents operates “one stop shops” for Entry Certification.

As an appointed agent of the NZ Transport agency we are unable to have any financial interest in the vehicles we inspect and this provides the consumer with total confidence of our independence when inspecting vehicles.

Our advice is to change the rules! And provide the power to the consumers. Safety outcomes and consumer choice and protection should be the goal of any changes to the legislation. It is in our opinion unfortunate that this review does not also include the change required to the taxation rules to remove luxury vehicle taxes and duties and to review vehicle specific consumer protection legislation. Any changes should provide explicit certainty as opposed to creating uncertainty.

The New Zealand model of over 25 years of importing second hand vehicles primarily from Japan shows how a mix of policy outcomes focus, industry leadership and new market/business opportunities can provide a robust delivery model that protects the consumer, satisfies the regulator and allows for a dynamic new and used car industry.

There is an existing mature pre-shipment inspection industry in Japan that facilitates many thousands of inspections in Japan before vehicles are exported to ensure type compliance, ownership verification, on road safety, odometer verification and biosecurity clearance. This combined with a robust set of inspection outcomes onshore can ensure the high standard of second hand vehicles entering the Australian vehicle fleet. The New Zealand Entry Certification model is a prime example of this working in practice.

We completely concur with recommendation 5.4 of the productivity commission report that any new system for the importation of second hand cars is underpinned by a regulatory compliance framework that includes measures to provide appropriate levels of community safety, environmental performance and consumer protection.

We would welcome the opportunity to host any officials that may require to see the NZ entry certification process in action and to also via our parent company JEVIC [www.jevic.co.jp](http://www.jevic.co.jp) to do the same in Japan from a pre-shipment inspection perspective.

Kind Regards,

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