

Submission 18 – MVSA Review 2014

I'm a firm supporter of lifting the limitations on import restrictions.

Purchasing a new car has far more negative environmental consequences than purchasing a used vehicle. You can run a used car even a very old used car for a long period of time before the environmental cost would out way buying a new car.

Currently car companies have a huge say in the cost of vehicle prices in Australia and there is little competition as you would have in other markets.

For example in Europe you can buy a car in say Germany which is better equipped than say for example a car in Italy and it will cost you less hence you have a more competitive market. If it's more expensive in Italy go to Germany and purchase and drive home. With competition it helps keep prices down, we don't seem to have that luxury here and are dictated price of vehicles in particular prestige vehicles. Luxury car tax adds to this but also the strong Australian dollar seems to have little effect on why we are paying so much for cars. With the Australian dollar so strong and even at parity levels with the US dollar, we are paying sometime 2-3 times the cost of the same vehicle. Why?

A 6 or 7 year rule on vehicles which are either similar to here such as imports out of uk or Japan right hand drive vehicles would beneficial to help competition her on new cars. Why are we paying a huge premium on car which are much cheaper in foreign markets?

Allowing vehicles to be imported into Australia which run very similar to overseas markets opens up the opportunity for people and enthusiasts to enjoy vehicles at a competitive price.

In japan they already have a auction grading which could be used to keep quality control and only allowing light vehicle damage (such as a panel replace) or grading 3 or higher into the county would help ensure quality cars are purchased.

Look at removing aspects of wasted money on compliance. Car manufactures don't make vehicles unsafe of foreign or domestic markets so why are we throwing thousands of dollars away in compliance costs do meet outrageous Australian design rules.

Keep sevs an Raws scheme for specific vehicles and open up restrictions to people bringing in unique or performance vehicles in.

Thanks

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