

Submission 2 – MVSA Review 2014

I would like to express my support for this review, for far too long Australians have been paying the penalty for the restrictions on imports that have been regulated by the Australian Design Rules and the way the full volume compliance plates are virtually restricted to the original manufacturers of a vehicle. There are vast differences in the cost of vehicles imported to Australia when compared to other countries and motor cycles are no exception. Our cherished ADR's are often breached by owners in a number of ways, we currently have a massive amount of aftermarket parts being purchased online and fitted to Australian vehicles. Tyres, lights, brake linings, steering components, window glass and performance engine parts are regularly installed making a farce of the ADR's. In most cases these modifications go undetected, unless of course you're an 18 year old kid in a pimped out car, looking for trouble.

I believe there is way too much time wasted on design rules that are relevant only in Australia. We should recognise vehicles with a range of plates from other suitable jurisdictions such as the UN plate. Motor cycles should only need to pass a roadworthy. I own trail bikes and road bikes and I know from personal experience importing off road bikes (as they are the only type you can import without Australian Compliance) that we are paying the penalty. They have to keep the price of the off road bikes high to justify the price the importers are charging for the registrable models they have the monopoly on. For example a 200 cc motorcross bike sells for about \$11,000 in Australia and \$6,000 in the US. Going on today's exchange rate it should cost about \$6,382 in Australia and the registrable models should be about \$500 to \$1,000 dearer. Can anyone really explain the safety enhancements on a motorcycle ?

Lowering the price of new vehicles would have to give the best safety and environmental outcomes a government could hope for. It will lower the average age of vehicles and also help lower the cost of living for all Australians through lower purchase price, better fuel consumption and less maintenance cost. Hopefully increased competitiveness in the market place may even lower some of the extreme prices we pay for parts and in turn people would not have to resort to the internet.

Regards

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