

## Submission 43 – MVSA Review 2014

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to make a submission to the motor vehicle standards review. My principal interest is in the importation of private vehicles ;

1. I wish to support the Productivity Commissions recommendation to progressively relax vehicle import restrictions
2. Any imported vehicle must still be fully compliant with the vehicle standard in force in Australia at the time of manufacture
3. Support the Commissions suggestion that the vehicles must be at least 5 years old at the time of importation, even ten years would be acceptable
4. Remove the \$12,000 duty on imported vehicles as soon as practical
5. Move to use the UN regulations on vehicle manufacture as the vehicle standards for Australia. This will remove a lot of un-necessary duplication and confusion when ascertaining the compliance requirements for imported vehicle
6. At the very least, move the manufacture date limitation for privately imported vehicle to a rolling 10 year age minimum. This would allow the industries that support the classic car owners to grow and thrive and also allow car enthusiasts far more scope to import classic vehicles. Private importations should still be restricted to only one vehicle per year. Private importations only make up 0.9% of all Australian vehicle imports(2012/13) and present no threat whatsoever to the mainstream vehicle industries. The mainstream vehicle industry will not be interested in importing vehicles over 10 years old nor should they be.
7. Classic car collecting is becoming a significant segment of Australian social life as well as supporting significant employment to the businesses that rebuild ,restore and maintain these vehicles (and support the social outings etc). This segment of our social life and enjoyment is however becoming severely restricted by the fixed date(31-12-1988) that a vehicle must be manufactured prior to.

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