

2014 Review of the Motor Vehicle Standards Act 1989

Terms of Reference

The review is to make recommendations on the most important changes needed for the *Motor Vehicle Standards Act 1989* and its regulations based on consideration of;

- Whether the objects of the Act are being achieved, whether they continue to be appropriate and whether the current legislative framework is effective to achieve the objects of the Act.
- Whether there are opportunities to reduce the regulatory burden on business and enhance productivity without compromising achievement of the Act's objectives with respect to safety, environmental and security outcomes.
- Whether the regulatory powers and reporting responsibilities in the Act facilitate effective and proportionate compliance by industry and consumers bringing new and used road vehicles to the Australian market for the first time.

In considering the above questions, the review shall have regard to the stakeholder views expressed in the Public Consultation Report *Motor Vehicle Standards Act 1989* (August 2013), identified administrative issues and best practice regulatory principles and outcomes from the Productivity Commission's inquiry into support for the Australian Automotive Manufacturing Industry.

Specific matters to be taken into consideration include, but are not limited to;

- a) the current and future likely structure and operations of the motor vehicle industry;
- b) the needs and requirements of consumers and road users;
- c) the interaction with the State and Territory regulatory requirements in relation to vehicles;
- d) the impacts of the aftermarket on the integrity of the Australian Design Rules (ADRs);
- e) Australia's international obligations in implementing standards relating to vehicle safety, emissions and other standards;
- f) appropriate risk management arrangements in relation to the development and enforcement of the ADRs;
- g) the trends relating to the current concessional schemes and emerging pressures; and
- h) efficiency of administration of the legislation.