

INQUIRY INTO MOTOR RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES
Submission on behalf of the Lancia Club Queensland Inc.



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To the Committee Secretary,
Transport and Public Works Committee,
Parliament House,
Brisbane.

The Lancia Club Queensland Inc. is a motor club whose members own or have an interest in Lancia vehicles, an Italian car company founded in 1907 by Vincenzo Lancia. Lancia was bought out by FIAT in 1969. Lancias are mostly classed as classic cars and there are several models which could be described as sports cars or GTs.

Many of our members take advantage of the concessional registration for their Lancias and this system in Queensland seems to work well. Only current financial members qualify for this registration discount. It should be noted that vehicles made before 1979 (rolling 40-year cut off point) are exempt from vehicle tax (registration fees) in the UK.

Some members have voiced concern over the restrictions of importing (or re-importing) vintage models which may have asbestos brake components. In most cases it is extremely expensive to replace with modern safer materials, which may involve complete remanufacturing of one-off parts. These pre-war vehicles are rarely driven on public roads and the asbestos residue emitted is negligible.

As the number of vehicles applied to be imported with such components is miniscule, it was felt that the requirement to replace these asbestos parts could be waived on these vehicles for the reasons mentioned above.

Another concern is the ease of (or lack thereof) registering an imported LHD Lancia in Queensland. Some models were only made in LHD and these have safety equipment and design regulations equal and in some cases higher than the Queensland/Australian regulations. Because they were not sold here originally, it seems to be more difficult to register them here (usually as occasionally driven collectors' cars). Can the safety and design regulations for the car's origin be adopted to mirror those of our ADRs (or at least taken into consideration) during the importing/registration phases?

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