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Good afternoon.

My name is Robert Smith and I have over 30 years of experience working in the motor industry. I currently own a workshop and have worked in many different countries..

I have a few points of opinion I would like to put forward.

The first is that of the current system for safety certificates.

If I have a light vehicle (car) registered as a booked hire vehicle (Uber), I need a certificate of inspection. These last 12 months regardless of KMS and I can sell the vehicle at any time in that 12 months using this COI. So in theory I could travel 200,000kms in 364 days and sell it on the last day of my COI and the next person could register it without it being inspected. However, if I have a privately owned personal use vehicle my safety certificate only last 2 months of 2000 kms. Currently the only difference in these two inspections is the COI (booked hire i.e uber type) needs a brake test with GPS and a safety certificate does not require GPS.

This is an obvious oversight and needs to be addressed ASAP.

Secondly, Why do we not perform mandatory exhaust emissions testing for both Diesels and petrol engine vehicles? The equipment is expensive, however, the need to curb Australia's pollution is more important. The UK & Europe have been doing these tests annually on all vehicles since the 1990's. Raising the cost of Safety certificates to the public could minimise cost of equipment to workshops and may even discourage some of the cowboys in the industry from opening Authorised inspection stations.

Thirdly, I see no benefits to safety and roadworthiness by not performing annual testing. By performing Safety certificates annually I see only safety and economic benefits. Honestly, the amount of unsafe light vehicles I see in our workshop is astonishing. In an economic crisis such as Covid, the first things people don't spend money on is their car.

Implementing emissions testing and annual vehicle inspections would provide more safety, economic benefits and a reduction in environmental pollution.

Lastly, Vehicles being stolen have been stolen by using the vehicles car keys. To start a vehicle without the keys is almost impossible if the vehicle is less than 20 years old. Most of these sub 20 year old vehicles are fitted with immobilisers from manufacture and without very specialist vehicle specific equipment and know how cannot be started without keys. In Europe thieves often take car keys from owners by threats of violence at knife point. Secure your house and secure your car keys.

If you need any further assistance from me please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for the opportunity to assist.

Kind Regards,

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