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Vehicle Emissions Regulation Review
Policy and Regulation Unit
Environment Protection Authority
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Dear Sir/Madam

Unfortunately, we have tried to contact you to organise an extension to the lodgement of our Submission as the Chairman of our Victorian Branch is severely unwell and unable to be contacted. As we were unable to get you we have decided to put together our concern in writing before the 5pm deadline.

We are concerned the proposed Regulations are ineffective, target innocent motorists and will do nothing but be a burden on Motorists. We are also concerned these regulations will have lasting effects on small business and on the motoring community.

We are also extremely concerned about the lack of data presented to support the benefits to the community of introducing such regulations.

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- Misunderstood and not enough data to support the proposed regulations
- Room for abuse, misuse.
- Inadequate testing – ineffective.
- Burden to Victorian Motorists.
- Loss to the Small Business Community

The concern regarding abuse of the system, where anybody can ring up and “dob in” a vehicle, and the onus is on the vehicle owner to prove their innocence, at their own expense. For example: A vehicle owner recently received a notice to present their vehicle for testing, the vehicle had been off the road at the time of the notice being issued and in a workshop (had no transmission installed for one month), yet he had no choice but to pay to have his vehicle tested.

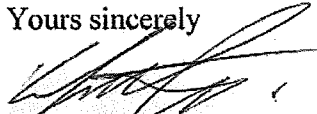
Over the last twelve months there were more than 4000 vehicles in Victoria that received notifications in the mail to present for testing. We were advised by the EPA that less than 150 infringement notices were issued after testing. That is 3850 people that were forced into taking their vehicle to be tested, bearing the cost of that testing, to prove their innocence. This is not acceptable.

There is also concern amongst the community about the type of testing available. The proposed remote style testing of cars is inherently faulty and will continue to generate large numbers of unsubstantiated breaches. A fact which was confirmed by EPA at the information night.

It is documented that over the next 10 years these proposed changes will cost Victorian Motorists \$28 Million, simply to prove their innocence.

This is not acceptable and is in direct conflict with your Regulatory Impact Statement.

Yours sincerely



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