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Alternative Cars Ltd has been trading for some 20 years and has been exporting for 10.

One of the most difficult markets has been the Australian, not because of the regulations, but because of the expense it takes to get the vehicles components certified.

So often the ADR's have been modified by Federal or State that to get the new regs passed on the vehicle we have to employ an Australian Certifier in Australia. When an item fails to pass the vehicle has to return to NZ for modification and returned to Aust for retesting. An expensive exercise!

If NZ engineers, Laboratories, etc, were recognized by the State and Federal authorities it would ease the expense of these tests thus reducing the cost of the vehicle to the Australian purchaser.

These vehicles have 65% NZ and 15% Australian manufactured content.

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