



New Zealand Motor Caravan Association Inc.

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## **"PLEASE SEE LATEST UPDATE BELOW – " 'People Mover' re-certification"**

21 February 2018

Dear NZMCA Members and Self-Containment Officers,

### **Temporary stay on the certification of people movers and similar small car conversions under the Self Containment Standard NZS 5465:2001**

On 10 February 2018, the NZMCA Board implemented a temporary stay on the ability for NZMCA self-containment officers to certify people movers and similar small car conversions under the provisions of NZS 5465:2001. The Board's decision is effective immediately and will remain in place for up to two years, unless reviewed beforehand.

The rationale supporting the need for this decision is as follows:

1. It appears testing officers throughout the industry have developed varying interpretations of the new toilet requirements under section 6.1.1 of the revised Standard. We have been made aware of certain vehicle types continuing to be certified when they do not comply with the purpose and intent of new section 6.1.1.
2. Local authorities and communities across New Zealand continue to report the environmental effects associated with these small vehicles some of which are certified under NZS 5465:2001. As the effects increase and spread throughout their districts, local authorities are making tough decisions to prohibit all freedom campers in certain areas, which is affecting everyone.
3. It has been brought to our attention by an industry expert that the use of portable toilets in some small vehicle conversions may not comply with the requirements of the NZ Building Code, which is referenced in the Standard. We are investigating this suggestion.

This temporary decision will enable the Association time to review the above issues and minimise the opportunity for non-compliant vehicles to continue receiving self-containment certificates, prior to a permanent decision being reached.

Page 2 of this letter includes a non-exhaustive list of the type of people movers and small vehicles that will not be certified by the NZMCA under this temporary stay. Please note, if a vehicle is not registered on the list however we consider it is a people mover / small car intended to be captured by this decision, the NZMCA reserves the right to refuse certification.

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**Non-exhaustive list of vehicle types affected by this temporary stay**  
(Updated: 27 July 2018)

1. CHRYSLER GRAND
2. HONDA ELYSION
3. HONDA ODYSSEY
4. HONDA STEP WAGON
5. ISUZU RODEO
6. KIA CARNIVAL
7. MAZDA MPV
8. MERCEDES BENZ VIANO
9. MITSUBISHI DELICA
10. MITSUBISHI RVR
11. NISSAN ELGRAND
12. NISSAN LARGO
13. NISSAN MISTRAL
14. NISSAN PRAIRE JOY
15. NISSAN PRESAGE
16. NISSAN SAFARI
17. NISSAN SERENA
18. NISSAN VANETTE
19. SUZUKI APV
20. TOYOTA ALPHARD
21. TOYOTA AMBULANCE
22. TOYOTA ESTIMA
23. TOYOTA GRANVIA
24. TOYOTA NOAH
25. TOYOTA PREVIA
26. TOYOTA QUALIS
27. TOYOTA REGIUS
28. All other people movers / small car conversions not registered on this list.

Please email [selfcontainment@nzmca.org.nz](mailto:selfcontainment@nzmca.org.nz) with any questions.

**UPDATE – Decision from 9 June 2018 – Board Meeting - ‘People Mover’ Re-certification**

On 9 June 2018 the Board agreed to accept the re-certification of members’ vehicles only captured by the temporary stay. Please note, the following criteria must be met before the National Office can accept and process a vehicle’s check sheet:

1. The vehicle must have an existing self-containment certificate (as the Board’s decision applies to re-checks only);
2. The vehicle must be owned by a financial NZMCA member;
3. The vehicle must meet the new requirements of NZ 5465:2001 (which should now be the case for all inspections as of 1 February 2018); and
4. The vehicle re-check must have been done by an NZMCA testing officer.