

In my opinion the annual inspections need to be stricter. I have worked for companies who will give a truck a heap of body filler and quick paint job then send to inspection. The vehicle looks presentable but is far from safe.

It is my belief that a government organisation needs to inspect all trucks of any size and not use approved inspection stations, as I have seen vehicles presented and then as time went there was insufficient time to adequately inspect the vehicle it was given a tick and flick pass.

Furthermore the self clearing defect needs to be abolished as it is open for abuse. I worked in a workshop where the manager, not qualified in trade, would sign these and submit them with no repairs being undertaken.

The system needs better scrutiny as all our safety is in jeopardy.

It is a shame that I say this as there are a lot of good honourable operators out there whom will be penalised by the inconvenience new regulations will impose.