

ACTION AGENDA **5** **Don't pass the buck**

Warranty on emissions

Industry wants Inspection and Maintenance. It wants your tailpipe checked. And then for you to go in for maintenance. Passing the buck on to you.

We want industry to be “responsible” for its emissions. It happens in other countries.

- Sweden and USA insist that automobile manufacturers provide an ‘emissions warranty’ for a specified mileage.
- Otherwise the manufacturer has to bear the cost of repairing the vehicle.
- The government regularly tests a sample of cars. If they fail the test, the manufacturer has to RECALL all the cars of that particular brand for that particular year.

General Motors, Toyota, Honda and Mercedes Benz have had to do this.

- In 1998, General Motors was forced to recall 400,000 vehicles in the US because of high carbon monoxide emissions. Ford Fiesta, Alfa Romeo, Honda Civic 1500, Audi 100 and Opel have all had to recall their cars at some time.