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Australia does not manufacture vehicles and has little to offer the world in terms of cutting edge vehicle technology. The self driving trucks that have been operating on mine sites and farms for more than a decade were all bought from overseas. No ecosystem to improve them or create our own has sprung up.

Permitting autonomous vehicles on the roads entails huge social and legal change. The consequences of such change cannot be entirely anticipated beforehand.

Australia has everything to gain by waiting to see how the adoption driverless vehicles play out in other countries and nothing to gain by attempting to be among the first.