

Viewpoint: A ban on SUVs

“Here’s an example of why I don’t think governments take global heating seriously. Sports utility vehicles (SUVs) are the second largest contributor to the increase in global carbon emissions since 2010, the International Energy Agency has revealed, ahead of heavy industry, and far ahead of aviation. Sales of these monstrosities rise constantly. They now account for 40% of annual car sales against 20% a decade ago. The average emissions for an SUV are 10% more than for other cars. It would be simple – and good for road safety – to ban sales of new SUVs. No government, as far as I know, has even considered this. Do we have a climate emergency or not?”

Peter Wilby in the New Statesman