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ONE of the most robust go-anywhere vehicles made in Australia has been expanded to seat seven.

EarthCruiser Overland Vehicles (EOV) has adapted a Mitsubishi Canter 4x4 to create a dual-cab ute to add to its range of short and long-wheelbase



adventure trucks and utes. EOV's Michael Gregson says the new vehicle is in response to customer feedback.

"There are many people, whether they be tradesman, hobbyist or leisure seekers, who don't want a truck, but need a quality seven-seat, 4WD dual-cab utility with a huge tray and a quality finish," he says.

"We have gone through the second-stage manufacturing process to deliver what potential customers have been crying out for: long-travel, soft-ride suspension, single wheel, with real off-road tyres and a decent size tray with a mounting system that lets the chassis work. Add to this the Australian-made suspension seat and it complements the package to deliver a comfortable and tough unit."

EOV specialises in building

vehicles capable of long-range sustainable travel over almost any terrain. The Brisbane-based company has tested its products throughout several continents.

EOV boss Lance Gillies says they are attracting customers from around the world, including a Swiss buyer who will pick up their vehicle and clients from Egypt "in a month or so".

EOV products are not classed as a modified truck but are registered as an EarthCruiser brand, recognised as fully legal in, and insurable throughout all Australian states.

The new ute also weighs less than 4500kg, so it can be driven on a standard car licence like most EOV products.

"With the whole vehicle being not much wider than a LandCruiser, they can tackle the same tracks and narrow river



crossings as conventional four-wheel drives," Gregson says.

EarthCruiser vehicles are powered by a 4.9-litre intercooled turbo-diesel with 117kW of power and 471Nm of torque.

The new dual-cab ute is priced at \$89,000 plus on-road costs and is available through ZUPPS Truck

Centre, Rocklea, in Queensland. The short-wheelbase EarthCruiser costs \$195,000, the mid-wheelbase is \$230,000 and the ute is \$75,000.

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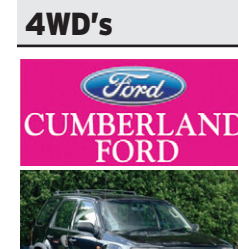
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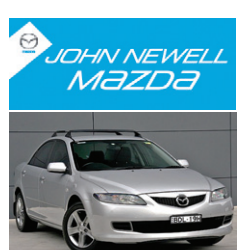
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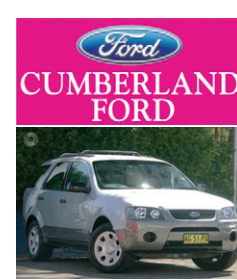
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