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ACCC Takata Briefing & Recall App Launch

The Takata Airbag Recall Notice issued on 27 February 2018 is the first and largest compulsory recall ever undertaken impacting multiple sectors of the Australian automotive industry, particularly those involved in buying, selling and repairing affected vehicles.

In response to member enquiries and some continuing uncertainty on how to handle this issue, MTA Queensland and the MTAA have organised a briefing and arranged for the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) and Corrs Chambers Westgarth (advisors to the Takata Task Force) to provide a comprehensive automotive retail briefing to new and second-hand vehicle dealers, dismantlers, automotive repairers and all industry participants that are affected by this recall.

Presenting to members will be: Mr Glenn Probyn, Deputy General Manager, Takata Task Force, ACCC Mr John Fogarty, Senior Associate, Corrs Chambers Westgarth

After the briefing, MTA Queensland will be launching an easy-to-use app to assist consumers in determining whether their car is affected. The vehicle recall app contains a simple two-step process, whereby a VIN number is entered which then shows a result as to whether the vehicle is subject to a recall. There is an easy click to find out the VIN if it is unknown. The app will automatically be updated with future Takata recalls and is available to download for FREE through the Apple App Store and Google Play by searching for "Airbag Recall". MTA Queensland have developed the app to help the public easily identify whether their car is subject to a recall, enabling them to have it repaired.

This briefing is open to businesses in the automotive sector and places will be limited. A light lunch will be included.

Date: Monday 18th June

Motor Trades Association of Queensland

Time: 12.00 noon to 2.00pm Location: MTA Queensland, Building 8, 2728 Logan Rd, Eight Mile Plains. RSVP: Click <u>here</u> to register by COB Friday 15th June 2018

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Background:

MTA Queensland is the peak organisation in the State representing the specific interests of businesses in the retail, repair and service sector of Queensland's automotive industry. There are some 15,500 automotive value chain businesses employing in excess of 90,000 persons and generating in excess of \$20 billion annually. The Association represents and promotes issues of relevance to the automotive industries to all levels of Government and within Queensland's economic structure.

The Association is the leading automotive training provider in Queensland offering nationally recognised training, covering technical, retail and the aftermarket sectors of the automotive industry through the **MTA Institute** - a registered training organisation. It is the largest private automotive apprentice trainer in Queensland employing many trainers who are geographically dispersed from Cairns to the Gold Coast and Toowoomba and Emerald. The MTA Institute last financial year accredited courses to more than 2 000 apprentices and trainees.

MTAIQ, Australia's first automotive innovation hub established by MTA Queensland, is a facility offering an eco-system that supports innovation in the motor trades.

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