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ERA Amendment Reduces Fees for Automotive Recyclers

The Motor Trades Association of Queensland (MTA Queensland) applauds the decision of the Department of Environment and Science on behalf of the automotive parts recyclers of Queensland, which will see a reduction in annual fees.

Following comprehensive engagements with the Department, last week changes were announced that stemmed from a review of the environmental risks associated with automotive recycling activities.

The Department now considers that activities undertaken by automotive recyclers be regulated by a different ERA categorisation, which results in a reduced fee. Specifically, the Department now considers the activities are to be regulated as ERA 62 1(a) instead of ERA 62 1 (b).

Rod Camm, Group Chief Executive for MTA Queensland said, "This is a big result based on our constant representation of our members' concerns. Businesses in the automotive recycling sector will now be over \$2,000 better off each year and the impact of their activities has been correctly categorised."

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Background:

The Motor Trades Association of Queensland (**MTA Queensland**) is the peak body representing the interests of employers in the retail, repair and service sectors of Queensland's automotive / mobility industry. There are some 15,500 automotive value chain businesses employing in excess of 90,000 people, that generate more than \$20 billion annually. The Association represents and promotes issues of relevance to the automotive / mobility industry to all levels of Government and within Queensland's economic structure. In 2019 MTA Queensland was announced as an ABA100 winner in The Australian Business Awards and a finalist in the Lord Mayor's Business Awards, for Business Innovation.

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 (RTO 31529)** - a registered training organisation. It is the largest independent automotive apprentice trainer in Queensland employing experienced trainers who are geographically dispersed from Cairns to the Gold Coast and Toowoomba to Emerald. In the last year, the MTA Institute delivered accredited courses to more than 2,000 students. The MTA Institute is the first trade RTO in Australia to be approved under the ITECA Industry Certification Program and was announced the winner of the Small Training Provider of the Year at the 2019 Queensland Training Awards.

MTAiQ, Australia's first automotive innovation hub established by MTA Queensland in 2017, is an eco-system that supports innovation for mobility and the motor trades.

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