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MTA Queensland supports new Electric Vehicle focus

The automotive industry currently faces a period of massive disruption with 2022 identified as the tipping point for technological changes to take full effect. In a move that the Motor Trades Association of Queensland (MTA Queensland) fully supports; the Federal Government has announced that they will support the adoption of electric vehicles (EVs) in Australia.

On May 22, the Minister for Energy and Environment, Josh Frydenberg announced a \$390,000 grant from the Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA) supporting the introduction of electric and hybrid vehicles in the Australian market.

In preparation for the oncoming automotive disruption, Behyad Jafari the Electric Vehicle Council's Chair has expressed the need to address the barriers preventing the uptake of electric vehicles with a consistent and collaborative effort needed by a range of sectors. MTA Queensland looks forward to working closely with the Electric Vehicle Council to ensure that key policy measures such as incentivising electric vehicle purchase and establishing a roadmap for national public charging infrastructure remain topical.

Dr Brett Dale, Group CEO of MTA Queensland said, "from a global perspective, it's clear that Electric and Hybrid Vehicles are the way of the future and it's pleasing to see the Australian Government taking the correct steps to support the uptake that Australia will experience.

"With electric, hybrid and low emission vehicles tipped as the next big thing to hit vehicle transportation in Australia, now is the right time for the Australian Government to put their support around this technological and environmentally sound future."

MTA Queensland is proud to be leading the way in automotive disruption solutions with the introduction of Carmageddon, a series of symposiums designed to explore and investigate the realm of implications the automotive industry will experience.

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“The technological disruption that the motor trades face brings enormous opportunity for innovation and offers an environmentally sustainable future through the introduction of low emission vehicles” said Dr Brett Dale.

“MTA Queensland is incredibly excited to explore the age of electricity, create opportunities and problem solve with the development of the first automotive innovation hub in the state.

“MTA Queensland remains committed to staying at the forefront of the digital disruption happening in the automotive industry and will continue to represent and engage across all automotive sectors.”

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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 located in the State. There are some 13,000 automotive value chain businesses employing in excess of 90,000 persons generating in excess of \$14.5 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 in excess of 2 000 apprentices and trainees.

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