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## MEDIA STATEMENT

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# MTA Queensland commends Springfield Labor candidate for embracing revolutionary transport options

Australian Electric Infrastructure and Transport (AEIT) a company specialised in commercialising the wireless charging of electric vehicles, has proposed the introduction of an On-Line Electric Vehicle (OLEV) transport project in the Springfield Orion Town Centre area.

Charis Mullen (Labor's candidate for the seat of Jordan) has thrown her support behind the revolutionised public transport system and The Motor Trades Association of Queensland (MTA Queensland) commends Mrs. Mullen on her forward-thinking approach.

Mrs. Mullen has launched a petition supporting AEIT's plan to set up an end-to-end zero emission public transport system which will help the community ease their parking and traffic woes.

"AEIT's proposal is certainly innovative in its thinking and should be explored further," Mrs Mullen said.

MTA Queensland Group CEO Dr Brett Dale said, "We are very proud to be supporting AEIT through MTAiQ, Australia's first automotive innovation hub. MTAiQ is an eco-system born out of necessity to support innovation in the automotive industry.

"AEIT's OLEV project will be the application of ground-breaking technology to save carbon through direct action, by zero-emission electric passenger carriers.

"It will add to Springfield's reputation of developing a sustainable city and push Springfield to an exemplar New World City. "MTA Queensland is incredibly passionate about the automotive industry staying at the forefront of technological changes."

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#### **Attached images:**

MTAiQ Innovation Hub

#### **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 more than 2 000 apprentices and trainees.