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## MEDIA STATEMENT

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### MTA Queensland Supports ACCC's Final Report

The Motor Trades Association of Queensland (MTA Queensland) supports the ACCC's final Report issued today, including the recommendations for several reforms to improve the new car retail market, which will lead to better outcomes for both consumers and business alike.

MTA Queensland also endorses the Australian Automotive Dealer Association's (AADA's) view, that the report strongly demonstrates the need for a new car retail industry code.

The AADA CEO David Blackhall said, "The ACCC's report, based on an 18-month long investigation, highlights an imbalance in the relationship between the vehicle manufacturer and the Australian new car franchised dealership.

"This report underscores the need for a new car retail industry code and the AADA will be making this case to Government, to protect Australian consumers and businesses."

MTA Queensland backs the finding of the Report, as currently the franchise agreement is more supportive of offshore manufacturers to the detriment of Australian dealerships, which currently results in an adverse effect on businesses and consumers.

The ACCC also recommended a mandatory scheme for car manufacturers to share service and repair information with independent repairers.

MTA Queensland is supportive of the Report acknowledging that a regulatory scheme for sharing of repair information needs to be on commercially equitable terms and have safeguards for access to sensitive data like security, safety and environmental information.

Dr Brett Dale, Group CEO of MTA Queensland said, "Overall we are in favour of the recommendations and we look forward to working with the ACCC to implement the Report's findings."

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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.

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