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MTA Queensland Supports Government's Decision on Fuel Price Boards

Treasurer and Acting Energy and Biofuels Minister, Curtis Pitt, announced today that the government will be intending to implement regulations that require all service stations to display the full price of fuel on their pricing display boards effective from 31st January 2018.

The Motor Trades Association of Queensland (MTA Queensland) has, for over a decade, been advocating on behalf of its members in the Service Station and Convenience Store Association Queensland for regulation on fuel price boards to provide consumer clarity on the price of fuel.

Today MTA Queensland applaud the government for supporting this regulation which provides a common-sense and practical resolution to an issue that is confusing to consumers.

Kellie Dewar, Deputy CEO & GM for Member Services at MTA Queensland said, "From February, fuel retailers must not display a discounted fuel price on any price board. Parallel with this, price changes (increase or decrease) to a fuel type displayed on the price board must correlate with the price displayed on the fuel pump.

"MTA Queensland has been advocating for regulation on this issue for many years and we see this as a significant win for our members and consumers."

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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 more than 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.