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MTA Queensland Supports Hydrogen Car Trial

Yesterday the Queensland government announced a trial involving five Hyundai NEXO hydrogen fuel cell vehicles (FCEVs).

Mick de Brenni Minister for Energy, Renewables and Hydrogen and Minister for Public Works and Procurement said the trial also supported the Government's push for the development of Queensland's domestic hydrogen industry.

Mr de Brenni stated that the three-year trial would demonstrate that the lower emission fuel source is cost-effective and would add to better environmental transport offerings.

Group Chief Executive for the Motor Trades Association of Queensland (MTA Queensland) Rod Camm said, "The Government should be applauded for the FCEV trial, which supports our industry's position of encouraging the development of clean fuels for the automotive industry.

"We have seen 40 per cent increase in the total number of electric vehicle (EV) chargers in Australia over the last twelve months, however Australia still lags behind other countries with EVs representing only 0.6 per cent of car sales. Availability of charging stations, range anxiety and the cost of EVs represent significant barriers to their uptake.

"The introduction of FCEVs is critical to complement the mix of clean transport options available and they offer an additional benefit as their refuelling times are similar to petrol cars, and this trial will help bring forward development."

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MTA Queensland has scheduled its signature innovation event, Carmageddon, for Thursday 22 July 2021, which will explore the latest developments in EVs and FCEVs.

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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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