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MEDIA STATEMENT

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MTA Queensland Supports Public Education Around Petrol Tax

The government will soon commission a study into moving to road-user charge, where motorists would be charged for every kilometre they drive, replacing the existing petrol excise and registration fees.

Minister for Urban Infrastructure, Paul Fletcher, announced this week that this move would require a public information campaign because many motorists have no idea they even pay petrol tax.

MTA Queensland Group CEO, Dr Brett Dale, said, "We strongly support a public consultation campaign, if motorists were going to accept a road-user charge, they need to fully understand the current system and how proposed changes may impact on them.

"The public may have a different view of petrol pricing and service station operators if they were more aware of the breakdown of the components in supplying petrol. The largest component of the price is the refined fuel itself, making up about 40%. Add on the government fuel excise and wholesale GST of approximately 40%, the wholesale margin of approximately 10% and that leaves approximately 10% for the retailer.

"One way that the government could start educating the public is to itemise the fuel excise separately on their receipts."

Mr Fletcher stated that any move to a user-charge for vehicles was at least a decade away and would need the approval of all the states.

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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.

