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### MTA Queensland Supports Waste Legislation

The Morrison Government introduced landmark legislation this week that marks a new era in Australia's management of waste, with over half a million tonnes of rubbish being shipped overseas every year.

The *Recycling and Waste Reduction Bill 2020* will lead to a major overhaul of Australia's waste and recycling capacity, creating enormous new commercial opportunities and jobs. The Bill will improve the existing framework for product stewardship by incentivising businesses to take responsibility for the processes used in the production of products as well as consideration of what happens at the end of the product's use. The legislation will ban the export of end-of-life tyres as well as waste plastic, paper and glass and has been agreed to by both levels of government earlier this year.

The Motor Trades Association of Queensland (MTA Queensland) Group Chief Executive Dr Brett Dale said, "This is an excellent opportunity to remodel Australia's waste management, protect our environment as well as create economic opportunities for a circular economy with recycling at its core.

"Earlier this year MTA Queensland made the decision to invest in an Australian company called Green Distillation Technologies Corporation (GDTC), who use a unique process called destructive distillation to break down old tyres into three high quality products - oil, carbon and steel. The tyre does not have to be shredded before this process is undertaken and is free of emissions.

"And, recently we supported Waste Motive, a consortium of industry stakeholders committed to the management of plastic waste generated by the collision and repair sector.

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“The sector has had very little regulation on how automotive waste is managed, which often results in plastics from cars being stock piled in backyards, wrecking yards, farmlands, or it is sent to landfill. The business concept is led by Planet Ark who also aim to develop plastic recycling machines.

“MTA Queensland places significant importance on supporting innovative solutions to problems that plague the automotive industry, such as end-of-life tyres and damaged vehicle plastics. Waste management in our sector must be prioritised and we are taking the lead by investing and supporting concepts as a responsible peak body. We have also undertaken to invest in research that will examine the scale and potential of this sector.”

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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.

**MTA/iQ**, 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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