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MTA Queensland backs ACCC Report into New Car Retailing

This week the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) released a draft report addressing issues in relation to the new car retailing industry market.

The draft report is available on the ACCC's [website](#).

It contains findings and recommendations covering:

- consumer guarantees;
- access to technical information to repair and service new cars; and
- fuel consumption and emissions.

The Motor Trades Association of Queensland (MTA Queensland) welcomes the ACCC decision to recommend a scheme to allow the nation's mechanical and motor body repairers fair and reasonable access to repair information to address consumer choice.

This recommendation acknowledges the significant advocacy work of MTA Queensland, on behalf of its member businesses, to secure access to repair information, which will deliver improved consumer choice and enhanced fair competition.

MTA Queensland will provide a further submission to the ACCC interim report and encourages members to [make a comment or submission](#) by 7 September 2017. The ACCC expects to release a final report in late 2017.

Dr Brett Dale, Group CEO for MTA Queensland said, "What is most pleasing about the findings from the ACCC draft report is that there is recognition that the final solution will come from submissions made by industry and automotive member associations - the Motor Trades Association of Australia, State and Territory Motor Trades Associations and the

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Chambers of Commerce. MTA Queensland's significant contribution to the ACCC report, voicing the opinion of Queensland's automotive repair businesses, is referenced throughout the document."

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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 more than 2 000 apprentices and trainees.

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