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MTA Queensland continues its push to ban discounted fuel price boards

The Motor Trades Association of Queensland (MTA Queensland) has been actively campaigning for reforms to legislation governing fuel price boards for approximately ten years. As the peak body representing the automotive industry, MTA Queensland has strong support for the changes from its industry members after many years of consultation and advocacy.

Concurrent to many briefings to the Minister for Energy, Biofuels and Water Supply, Mark Bailey and the Queensland Government, MTA Queensland, has completed numerous submissions and maintained strong advocacy for independent service station operators, to stop confusion at petrol bowers and ensure prices on fuel display boards accurately display the full price of the fuel.

MTA Queensland strongly supports the Government's proposed reforms whereby strict new regulations will commence mid-year and allow service station operators six months to implement the changes. The proposed laws will ban the display of conditionally discounted prices on fuel price boards, such as those that require a discount voucher or an in-store purchase, to ensure motorists never pay more at the pump than the price advertised on the board.

MTA Queensland's Group Chief Executive, Dr Brett Dale stated that, "MTA Queensland endorses the proposed changes after years of advocacy work on this topic and is pleased the Government understands that consultation with industry associations like MTA Queensland is essential to protect the interests of consumers and ensure businesses have an equitable trading space regardless of their size."

The draft laws have now been released for community and industry consultation. Queensland motorists and the fuel industry are encouraged to have their say on the proposed fuel price board regulations by visiting www.dews.qld.gov.au/our-department/consultations.

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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.

