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EV Strategy is a Great Start

The Motor Trades Association of Queensland (MTA Queensland) welcomes the new Future Fuels and Vehicle Strategy announced today by the Prime Minister. The national plan is an important first step in Australia's journey toward zero emissions.

The strategy unveiled a heavy focus on the rolling out of charging stations which is an excellent building block to having more EVs on the roads and includes a contribution of about \$500 million in partnerships to build more charging infrastructure.

The policy falls short of removing the luxury car tax on EVs but it is promising that the Government will work with the Australian Tax Office to look into taxes on EVs.

The number of electric cars, buses and bikes on Queensland roads has almost doubled in the past 12 months, with an 86 per cent increase. According to the latest figures from the Department of Transport and Main Roads there are 5,266 registered fully electric vehicles on Queensland roads. By June 2021, those 5,266 EVs have stopped an estimated 500 tonnes in carbon dioxide exhaust emissions. More charging stations will support the continuance of this impressive trajectory.

MTA Queensland Group CEO, Rod Camm said, "Having a national plan is just the start of moves in the right direction if we are to keep up with the rest of the world.

"New charging stations are helpful, however that will not incentivise the uptake of EVs until there are sufficient quantities for market forces to take over and put pressure on price. Any future focused strategy needs to address three things: the price gap between EVs and non-

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EVs, encouraging a wider range of electric vehicles, including mobility solutions through national policy and more needs to be known about charging options and range.

“Manufacturers will continue to bring their range of petrol vehicles to Australia while they are selling well and concentrate on having EVs available in other countries with more effective national emission policies.

“The next phase of the strategy should holistically consider a range of aspects related to zero emissions vehicles, including targets, taxation considerations, consumer charging preferences, future infrastructure locations and electricity grid impacts, and incentives to encourage electric vehicle take-up including concepts like a “cash-back” scheme.”

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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 industry. MTA Queensland has been performing its vital representative role for the automotive industry since 1929. In Queensland there are some 15,500 automotive businesses employing more than 90,000 people, that generate more than \$20 billion annually. The Association represents and promotes issues of relevance to all levels of government. 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 **MTA Institute (RTO 31529)** is the leading automotive training provider in Queensland offering nationally recognised training, covering technical, retail and the aftermarket sectors of the automotive industry. The MTA Institute is the largest independent automotive training provider 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 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 and research for the motor trades.

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