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Automotive Data Sharing Levels the Playing Field

The Coalition Government announced yesterday the introduction of new legislation establishing a mandatory sharing scheme for motor vehicle service and repair information, which will come into effect on 1 July 2022.

The scheme will require car manufacturers to provide independent mechanical repairers with same information provided to their authorised dealers, concerning the technical specifics of vehicles. This information will be provided at a reasonable price and only to appropriately skilled repairers.

The Motor Trades Association of Queensland (MTA Queensland) has advocated on the importance of fairness when it comes to sharing service and repair information and welcomes the legislation, which will increase opportunities for the 35,000 independent repair businesses around Australia to compete fairly with authorised dealers.

MTA Queensland CEO Rod Camm said, "We are extremely happy with this outcome and look forward to the benefits it will provide to MTA Queensland's mechanical repairers who will now be able to invest in the technical information they need to service various vehicles and grow their business."

Australian Automotive Dealer Association CEO James Voortman said, "Dealers make huge investments in factory training of their qualified technicians along with having the latest

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tools, equipment and facilities. Independent repairers who choose to commit to similar levels investment for their customers and are suitably qualified should be entitled to compete with dealers on fair and reasonable grounds and this legislation will give them the chance to do that."

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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.

MTAiQ, 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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