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Improved Vehicle Standards and Safety for Queenslanders

The Motor Trades Association of Queensland (MTA Queensland) has commended the Queensland Government for its consideration of how to improve safety standards for Queenslanders' cars.

In Queensland there are two types of written-off vehicles: statutory and repairable. A statutory write-off has been assessed and is deemed damaged beyond repair and cannot be re-registered anywhere in Australia. A repairable write-off is a vehicle that has been assessed as a total loss but is not damaged to the level of a statutory write-off. These vehicles can be re-registered, after they are repaired and pass a Queensland safety certificate inspection and a written-off vehicle inspection.

However, NSW has stricter requirements that better protect consumers and deter theft, as written off vehicles cannot be sold or registered.

On 24th February 2021, a motion was passed in Queensland Parliament which we hope will lead to some permanent changes.

That motion directs the Transport & Resources Committee to inquire into, and report within six months on, options to improve vehicle standards and safety in Queensland, including improvements to the:

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- (i) current Australian vehicle design rules;
- (ii) inspection regime for registered vehicles;
- (iii) pre-sale certification scheme, including measures to reduce fraud and improve consumer safety;
- (iv) management of written-off vehicles and re-birthing; and
- (v) after-market vehicle modification framework, including achieving consistency to ensure best alignment with other Australian jurisdictions.

Rod Camm, Group Chief Executive for MTA Queensland said, "This is a significant achievement for our industry and is recognition of our working with the Government to improve the safety standards of vehicles in Queensland.

"This is important because Queensland needs to protect consumers and ethical businesses and take steps to stop re-birthing and car theft, as well as ensuring that all vehicles that are damaged to the point of being written-off, stay off the roads."

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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.

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