



## A message from the CEO

### **COVID-19 Update 2/10**

Last week I spoke about the South Australian border reopening to New South Wales and the positive business opportunities that would flow from this as more people begin to move through our State, creating more repair, servicing and retail work.

It is pleasing then this week to see more talk of travel bubbles opening up with regional Victoria, and a one way travel bubble that may even see New Zealanders able to travel to South Australia. Kiwi visitors are the fourth biggest tourism market for SA, with travel research showing they are particularly drawn to driving holidays.

### **Payroll tax relief extension**

The South Australian Government this week announced further payroll tax relief for medium-sized businesses as part of \$85 million in economic stimulus designed to support local jobs.

Under the scheme, businesses with a grouped annual payroll of up to \$4 million will be granted an extra 3 month payroll tax waiver, in addition to the 6 months relief already received. COVID-impacted businesses with grouped annual wages of more than \$4 million will also be able to continue to defer their payroll tax liability for a further 3 months if required.

For more information about the State Government's announcement, please [click here](#).

### **Electric vehicle plan for South Australia**

The South Australian Government has recently committed \$4.9 million to support an Electric Vehicle (EV) Action Plan which it aims to launch later this year.

While this is a positive announcement it is critical that industry is consulted and we are asking the SA Government for greater involvement in the plan's development. MTA members represent sales through to service and eventually dismantling and recycling, and so it is important that we are included in the development of the EV Action Plan.

### **SafeWork SA body worn camera trial**

SafeWork SA has written to the MTA to let us know about a trial of the use of Body Worn Cameras, running from now until mid-December 2020.

---

We have been advised that a group of Inspectors and Investigators will be using the cameras at all work site visits or when exercising their statutory powers under Acts administered by SafeWork SA. Upon entry to a worksite an Inspector or Investigator will clearly identify that they are wearing a camera to create a video and audio recording. Members should not be alarmed if they are advised of the use of a BWC and should proceed with their interaction with the SafeWork SA officer as usual.

[Click here](#) to read more about the trial.

### **JobKeeper 2.0 flexibility provisions**

Members are reminded that JobKeeper 2.0 has now commenced, and that under the extended JobKeeper provisions 'legacy employers', who are no longer eligible for support payments, are able to continue using a number of flexibility provisions that were introduced into the *Fair Work Act 2009* alongside the initial JobKeeper legislation.

[Click here](#) for more information about the flexibility arrangements for legacy employers.

Have a safe and enjoyable long weekend

Regards  
Paul Unerkov  
MTA SA/NT CEO

