



A message from the CEO

COVID-19 Update 29/08

What a difference a week makes – the [40km border travel buffer zone](#) between SA and Victoria has been reinstated from today, amid falling coronavirus infection rates and a major backlash from regional communities.

Other restrictions easing today will allow residential gatherings of up to 50 people, and individuals transiting to SA through Sydney or Canberra airports from WA, NT, Queensland or Tasmania will no longer be required to undertake 14 days self-isolation. [Click here](#) for more information regarding cross border travel.

While I know the easing of restrictions will come as a great relief to many of our members who operate in cross-border communities, I am also aware of the ongoing issues other members are facing around the supply of new and used vehicles, as well as parts and accessories coming out of Victoria. On this point, it is timely to remind members that appropriate cleaning measures should be put in place when dealing with any deliveries that do arrive from coronavirus hotspots.

COVID Marshals

In [last week's CEO Report](#) I shared information on whether your business needs a COVID-Safe Plan or Marshal. While most of our members do not require a COVID Marshal, those that do should be aware that SAPOL are currently conducting checks that businesses have COVID Marshals in place.

For more information on whether you need a Plan or Marshall in your business [click here](#).

JobKeeper 2.0

JobKeeper 2.0 legislation is currently being considered in Parliament, including amendments proposed by Labor to protect workers' conditions under new "legacy employer" provisions.

[Click here](#) to read more about the changes to JobKeeper and provisions for legacy employers.

If you have any questions about what the changes mean for your business, [click here](#) to contact the MTA WR Team or call 8291 2000.

While JobKeeper has been a saving grace for many in the automotive industry, I am also hearing from members that there needs to be an incentive to get people off JobKeeper and into productive roles. Please be assured that the MTA is continuing to engage with government at all levels, making sure your voice and concerns are heard.

Instant asset write off extension

While the MTA continues to work on a further extension of the instant asset write off assistance measure for the remainder of the financial year, members are reminded that the extension is currently only in place until 31 December 2020, and it is a requirement that assets purchased must be delivered and installed prior to this date. [Click here](#) to read more about the extended scheme.

The MTA is also working to support the MTAA's recommendation to government that the extended instant asset write off scheme be made a permanent tax incentive to support a post COVID-19 recovery.

Smash repair inquiry

The MTA and Body Repair Specialist members are continuing to work with government to secure reform in the smash repair industry. [Click here](#) to read an update on the Inquiry.

I have extended an invitation to Matt Cowdry OAM MP, the Inquiry's Presiding Member, to attend the MTA Body Repair Specialist Division AGM on 8 September, and I look forward to continuing to work with government on this important issue.

SA Waste Strategy 2020-2025

The MTA will be providing feedback to government today on the consultation draft of *South Australia's Waste Strategy 2020-2025: A Vision for Circular Economy*. The Strategy sets a target of zero avoidable waste to landfill by 2030, as well as a target of 90% (up from 80%) diversion of waste away from landfill into resource recovery, recycling or reuse for the Commercial and Industrial Sector.

Thank you to members who engaged with our Advocacy Team, helping to identify important waste and recycling issues facing the automotive industry, as well as ways in which government support would help to achieve better recycling outcomes.

As always, I'm here to chat on any issue that is important to you and you can reach me on my mobile - 0419 814 642.

Enjoy the weekend.

Regards
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