



A message from the CEO

COVID-19 Update 31/07

It has been a big week in State politics with a major reshuffle within the Liberal government, including the appointment of three new Ministers and the promotion of Minister Wingard to the role of Infrastructure and Transport Minister.

I will be reaching out to the new Ministers inviting them to an industry briefing, and I have already received a phone call from Minister Wingard to arrange a meeting. Minister Wingard comes from a police and road safety background and was at one time the Shadow Minister for Transport, so I am confident he already has a good understanding of many of the issues facing MTA members.

I also look forward to meeting with newly promoted Minister for Police and Road Safety, Vincent Tarzia and briefing him about a matters of importance for the automotive industry such as light vehicle roadworthiness.

Voluntary CO2 Emissions Standard

The Federal Chamber of Automotive Industries (FCAI) has announced a new industry-led reporting system, the FCAI CO2 Emissions Standard, which sets out industry and brand CO2 emissions reduction targets across a ten-year period to 2030.

The key metrics or the standard are:

- Passenger Cars and Light SUVs – an average of 4.0 per cent reduction per annum
- Heavy SUVs and Light Commercial Vehicles– an average of 3.0 per cent reduction per annum

In working through the ramifications of the new standard, ultimately this will mean manufacturers will be pushing greener, more fuel efficient vehicles to the Australian market, as well as a potentially stronger move towards electric and hydrogen vehicle technologies.

[Click here](#) to read more about the FCAI's new standard.

JobKeeper

Members are reminded to check their ongoing eligibility for JobKeeper beyond 28 September 2020, as the criteria and eligibility has changed.

Under the extended JobKeeper scheme there will be more regular eligibility testing and a two tiered payment for those working less than 20 hours per week.

For more information on updates to the JobKeeper payment, please visit the MTA's COVID-19 Member Portal by [clicking here](#) or call the MTA Workplace Relations team on 8291 2000.

Unlicensed sellers convicted

It is pleasing to report that following a tip-off from a concerned member of the public, regarding suspected illegal activity, that an unlicensed seller and his associate were this month convicted of unlawfully selling second-hand vehicles. However, we believe the size of the fines are not enough, as the conviction involves a repeat offender, and we will be calling on tougher action from the Government.

To read more about the conviction, please [click here](#).

Unlicensed vehicles sellers continue to be an issue and the MTA reports an average of 1-2 potential unlicensed vehicle sellers per month to Consumer & Business Services (CBS).

We are also continuing to push for our continued involvement in the review of the Second Vehicle Dealers Act to support additional compliance and enforcement activities, for a level playing field for all.

Draft SA Waste Strategy 2020-25

What is the most common waste product in your business? And what can the government do to help you to recover, recycle or reuse these waste products?

A reminder that we are engaging our members on the South Australian Government's [Draft Waste Strategy](#).

A key part of the draft strategy is a proposal for an increase from 80% to 90% diversion of waste away from landfill to resource recovery, recycling or reuse for commercial and industrial enterprises.

[Click here](#) to provide the Advocacy Team with your feedback.

COVID Clean Training

Specialised COVID clean training is being offered to help South Australian businesses to safely return to work.

The nationally recognised training educates participants in a range of topics including hand hygiene practices, effective surface cleaning, use of personal protective equipment (PPE) and disposal of contaminated waste.

To find a training provider delivering COVID Clean, go to: www.skills.sa.gov.au/business/covid-clean-training

We can see from the situation in Victoria that a lack of discipline in isolation and quarantine has led to their large increase in COVID-19 cases and community transmission. This is a reminder that we

all need to do our bit to make sure that staff who are unwell do not come in to work, and that we keep up a focus on hygiene and social distancing.

As always, I'm always available to chat and you can reach me on my mobile - 0419 814 642.

Enjoy the weekend.

Regards

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