

Coronavirus (COVID-19) update 1/4

It has been really good to see many of you open and engage with our communications over the last two weeks. The feedback I am receiving from members is very positive and I ask that you keep communicating with us over the next few months. You are the eyes and ears of the automotive industry and we will continue to be your voice to all levels of government.

The team and I will continue updating the tailored automotive resources located on our COVID-19 portal, which you can access by [clicking here](#), and our support team are just a phone call away on 8291 2000.

Tell us your ideas? What should the Government spend the stimulus money on?

Among the many ways we have been communicating to government is the State Premier's COVID-19 Industry Response and Recovery Council meetings. I have been the MTA's representative on this Council to inform the Premier of how he can best support the automotive industry during this time of economic instability.

The Premier wants ideas on how to best support the automotive industry and how to best support the State and we want to contribute your ideas for consideration. [Click here](#) to complete the two short questions.

We are continuing our discussions with government to ensure they are aware of the situation facing the automotive industry and what they can do to support us.

Need assistance in registering for the Federal Government's "Job Keeper" payments?

If you haven't yet done so, I urge you to register for the Federal Government's "Job Keeper" program by [clicking here](#). If you require any information or assistance in registering for government stimulus measures, such as this, please call us on 8291 2000.

The Job Keeper payment is intended to provide wage subsidies to businesses that are significantly affected by COVID-19 and the current economic climate. The Federal Government has announced its intention to pass additional legislation to introduce this new measure and pleasingly, the Federal Opposition has said it will not block it. If the legislation is enacted, support will be directed to employers to pass on to employees and will provide \$1,500 per employee per fortnight.

Payments will be made in May and backdated from 30 March 2020 to employers who must, and will be legally obligated to pass this money onto their employees in an effort to retain them over the next few months.

A reminder that our COVID-19 portal, which you can access by [clicking here](#), is your hub for the latest information that will assist your business in staying compliant and supported.

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