

## Media Release

### MTAA Spearheads Automotive Industry's Response to COVID-19 Inquiry

**January 31 2024** – In an unprecedented move, the Motor Traders' Association of Australia (MTAA) has emerged as the sole automotive industry group to respond to the COVID-19 Inquiry initiated by the Prime Minister and Cabinet.

The submission reflects a thorough consultation process based on extensive insights gathered from across the MTAA network. Including specific perspectives from the Victorian experience, the state most profoundly affected by stringent trading restrictions and prolonged lockdowns, adds a crucial dimension to the submission.

In a period where community support and collaboration are paramount, being an integral part of the local Motor Trades Association (MTA) has never been more critical. The submitted response serves as a testament to the collective strength and resilience of the automotive retail sector, ensuring its voice resonates with the Federal Government. The aim is to provide valuable insights into how the government can effectively respond to future pandemics or unforeseen black swan events.

In response to the COVID-19 Inquiry, MTAA CEO Matt Hobbs stated, "The pandemic highlighted the essential role of the automotive industry in serving the community, emphasising its capability to repair and maintain consumer vehicles. As we reflect on the past, we stand prepared to respond swiftly in the event of any future disruptions."

MTAA's proactive engagement underscores its commitment to representing and safeguarding the interests of the automotive industry. The submission is not merely a response but a strategic initiative to contribute meaningfully to the shaping of government policies in times of crisis.

View the MTAA Submission here: <https://shorturl.at/ghoxQ>

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