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Plan to recycle 700,000 end-of-life motor vehicles per annum underway

The Motor Trades Association of Australia (MTAA) and the Federal Chamber of Automotive Industries (FCAI) are working on a comprehensive business plan to deliver a road map for an end of life vehicles recycling scheme under the National Product Stewardship Program.

Federal Environment Minister Sussan Ley and Assistant Minister for Waste Reduction and Environmental Management Trevor Evans announced a Commonwealth Government grant of \$1 million to the Federal Chamber of Automotive Industries (FCAI) to promote the recycling of Australia's End-Of-Life Vehicles (ELV).

MTAA CEO Richard Dudley said the FCAI and MTAA are partnering to develop a plan to identify all automotive waste from end of life vehicles and opportunities to enhance or introduce ways to recycle it.

'The FCAI represents the world's car manufacturers and MTAA and Member Associations who have the entire automotive supply chain, including vehicle parts suppliers, dismantlers and recyclers as constituents, are ideally placed to combine their knowledge and undertake the work,' Dudley said.

'Work is well underway, and the result will be a comprehensive, evidence-based road map to implement a national recycling scheme by the end of 2023.

With more than 700,000 passenger vehicles reaching the end of their life each year, there is an opportunity to streamline and harmonise decommissioning and dismantling processes, environmental compliance requirements, and business to business linkages to minimise landfills and maximise recycling opportunities,' Dudley said.

The grant is the culmination of advocacy and representations by the MTAA and its Members to the Commonwealth Government to bring Australia into line with other OECD countries and have a consistent harmonised policy and regulations for the decommissioning and recycling of motor vehicles.

Dudley said the project with FCAI as the lead would support and ensure that more elements such as textiles, plastics, and electronic components can be recycled.

'We are excited as this will be the penultimate step to introducing a formidable end-of-life car recycling scheme and enable Australia to be better prepared for the transition of the national vehicle fleet from internal combustion engines to electric.' Dudley said.

It is expected the project will be completed in 13 months.