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## MEDIA RELEASE

### Global Automotive Recycling Associations sign historic Memorandum of Cooperation

**MELBOURNE 16 September 2019:** The Auto Recycling Associations of the Australia, United Kingdom, United States, and Malaysia have signed an historic agreement to increase collaboration, cooperation and communications to provide a united global voice for the Automotive Recycling Industry.

The Motor Trades Association of Australia (MTAA) and the Auto Parts and Recycling Association of Australia (APRAA) initiated the Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) with other organisations as an outcome of an International Roundtable held earlier this year in the United Kingdom. The Auto Recycling Associations of Canada, New Zealand, Japan and others are currently considering becoming signatories to the MoU.

Already, participating International Auto Recycling Associations have provided intelligence, statistics, and identified issues confronting automotive recycling and associated businesses in each jurisdiction as well as other information on the global automotive market impacting the industry. The associations are also sharing briefings on Electric Vehicle (EV) dismantling and associated safety issues and overall occupation health and safety requirements for automotive recycler professionals.

The signatories to the MoC have agreed to improve global collaboration, cooperation and communication on significant matters common to all jurisdictions including:

- Increasing engagement and recognition by Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEM) (also known as Original Equipment Suppliers in some jurisdictions), other automotive market participants and regulators to the critical importance of global auto recycling industry in vehicle recalls;
- The need for consistent, improved and harmonised, training and education specific to auto recyclers;
- The need for increased public, government and automotive industry awareness of auto recycling and specific initiatives such as the contribution of recycled parts usage to achieving improved environmental outcomes;
- The global harmonization of standards where practicable and appropriate;
- Improved sharing of information and resources between global recycling industry associations;
- The provision of fair, reasonable and equitable access to OEM data including parts identification;
- A global and harmonized approach to dealing with non-licensed, non-qualified, unprofessional operators; and
- The impact of Electric Vehicles and other propulsion systems on the recycling industry and resulting need for harmonized approaches to dismantling and recycling of these products.

MTAA CEO and APRAA spokesman Richard Dudley said the signing of the MoC was the start of a new global voice for the auto recycling industry that will directly assist hundreds of auto recycling business members across Australia.

‘We are working hard to obtain an End of Life Vehicle policy and regulations that will harmonise and improve Australia’s treatment of more than 700,000 vehicles coming off Australia’s roads each year. The MoC and improved access to intelligence and information with kindred auto recycling associations will strengthen our ability to achieve better policy and regulatory outcomes for Australian consumers and auto recycling businesses’, Mr Dudley said.

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***Pictured above: APRAA National Chairman, Dale Imlach (centre) with Chad Counselman (Right) Vice President of the Auto Recyclers Association of the United States, and Mr Kau Peng Yap (Left), Assistant Secretary General of the Malaysia Used Vehicle Autoparts Traders Association (MUVATA) signing the Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC).***

**MoC Signatories:**

- The Automotive Recyclers Association (ARA) of the United States
- The Vehicle Recyclers Association (VRA) of the United Kingdom
- The Malaysia Used Vehicle Autoparts Traders Association (MUVATA)
- The Auto Parts and Recyclers Association of Australia (APRAA), and the Motor Trades Association of Australia (MTAA)

**Currently considering the MoC**

- The Auto Recyclers of Canada (ARC)
- The Automotive Parts Industry Association (APIA) of New Zealand
- And others.

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