

## Media Release

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### World-first mandatory car service and repair information scheme takes shape

**A world-first mandatory scheme for car manufacturers to share motor vehicle service and repair information gathered momentum today with two significant announcements in Brisbane.**

The Motor Trades Association of Australia (MTAA) and State and Territory Member organisations warmly welcomed the announcement by Assistant Treasurer Michael Sukkar to appoint the Australian Automotive Service and Repair Authority (AASRA) as inaugural Scheme Adviser and provide a \$250,000 Commonwealth Grant.

From 1 July 2022, car manufacturers and other data providers will be required by law to share motor vehicle service and repair information with independent repairers and Registered Training Organisations at a fair market price.

Long-standing barriers experienced by professional mechanics who cannot undertake or complete car servicing and repair work because critical information is not made available will be removed with the Scheme's introduction.

Today's announcement also culminated months of dedicated work by the MTAA, Australian Automotive Aftermarket Association, Australian Automotive Dealer Association, and Federal Chamber of Automotive Industries to establish AASRA as an industry-based, not-for-profit company to perform a crucial role in administering the Scheme.

'MTAA CEO Richard Dudley said the appointment of AASRA and the provision of the grant will provide the surety needed to meet the challenges of operating an information portal for mechanics, provide dispute resolution processes, and monitor and report on the operation of the Scheme to Government.

Mr Dudley thanked Minister Sukkar, his Ministerial colleagues and the Morrison Coalition Government for supporting long-standing and critical Federation and Member policy and regulatory objectives by delivering unparalleled automotive regulatory reforms in one parliamentary term.

'Not only has the Government delivered a world-leading mandatory information-sharing scheme but against the background of Covid, provided significant changes to Franchising regulations. 'It has recognised and acted on the unique power imbalance between car manufacturers and dealers by including a specific new car dealer schedule in the Franchising Code. And is further improving unfair contract terms legislation and supported the easing of access to collective bargaining,' Dudley said.

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