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JOBKEEPER EXTENSION AND CLARITY WELCOMED

Motor Trades Association of Australia (MTAA) representations to Government for the continuance of JobKeeper have been realised with today’s announcement the assistance measure will be maintained for at least the next six months.

The decision to extend the JobKeeper assistance, but with reductions in October 2020 and January 2021, provides the certainty needed for thousands of automotive businesses to plan, keep employees engaged and the doors of their business open over coming months.

MTAA CEO Richard Dudley said today’s announcement was warmly welcomed and thanked the Prime Minister Scott Morrison, Treasurer Josh Frydenberg, and Jobs Minister Michaelia Cash, for listening and acting on the advice of the MTAA, Members and other industries on the need to maintain JobKeeper and clarify ongoing timeframes for the availability of the assistance measure.

‘This is an extremely important ongoing assistance initiative for Australian automotive small businesses. For many it is the difference between staying open or closing the doors for good,’ Mr Dudley said.

‘There are many matters still impacting automotive businesses across the nation. Just as some were starting down the road to recovery many are now contending with a return to difficult trading conditions because of reintroduced and necessary shutdowns,’ Mr Dudley said.

‘International and domestic supply chains are still sluggish with many to still return to full production and freight and delivery of many components, tools, and equipment still difficult in some areas’, he added.

The clarity on JobKeeper and JobSeeker followed welcomed announcements that continue support for apprentices and trainees over the next six months, the extension of the instant asset write-off stimulus initiative and other small business initiatives including improved access to loans.

MTAA will continue to provide advice and information on a range of other reform and stimulus initiatives to ensure the automotive sector not only recovers but remains sustainable in the long term.

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