

AUTOMOTIVE DAILY NEWS ALERT

[EPA's cooperative fuel tank program makes for safer service stations](#) (AU)

[Ford announces global approved bodyshop network](#) (INT)

[Geely and Shell in research and development partnership](#) (INT)

[Motorcycle industry introduces security rating system for anti-theft products](#) (UK)

Britain's Motorcycle Industry Association (MCIA) has presented government officials with a new star rating scheme designed to highlight the effectiveness of security devices that are fitted to new motorcycles and scooters.

CONSULTATIONS

[Reforms to Address Corporate Misuse of the Fair Entitlements Guarantee scheme – Draft Legislation](#) (AU)

The proposed laws will provide a significant disincentive for employers that exploit the taxpayer-funded scheme and avoid their responsibilities to their employees. Submissions close 9 July 2018

[Operation and effectiveness of the Franchising Code of Conduct](#) (AU)

New hearings in [Melbourne and Sydney](#)

[Three-axle bus mass limits review](#) (AU)

Consultation closes on 24 July 2018

[Water Amendment Bill 2018](#) report released (AU)

The bill proposes changes to the Water Act 2007, which would enable amendments to the Murray-Darling Basin Plan. The bill will allow the Murray-Darling Basin Authority, to prepare an amendment to the Basin Plan that is the same in effect as a Basin Plan amendment that has previously been disallowed by either House of Parliament.

PRODUCT RECALLS

[Ford Motor Company of Australia Limited — Ford Everest and Ranger](#) (AU)

[Mazda Australia Pty Ltd — Mazda BT-50](#) (AU)

[Mercedes-Benz Australia/Pacific Pty Ltd — Mercedes-Benz "E" Class Cabriolet](#) (AU)

[Volvo Group Australia — Mack Granite, Mack Trident, Mack Titan and Mack Super-Liner trucks](#) (AU)

[Kia Motors Australia —MY 2015-2019 YP Carnival](#) (AU)

[Overseas Vehicle Sales — Cadillac Escalade 2007 - 2014](#) (AU)

[JLR to remove Takata airbags from spare parts market](#) (AU)

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

[Moody's affirms Australia's AAA credit rating](#) (AU)

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LEGAL

[Heavy Vehicle National Law -Victoria Class 1 4-Axle & 5-Axle All Terrain Mobile Crane Mass and Dimension Exemption Notice 2018 \(No.1\) C2018G00450](#)

[PAYG Withholding variation to the rate of withholding for superannuation income stream beneficiaries who turn 60 during the financial year \(AU\)](#)

Starts 1 July 2018. This instrument is made under section 15-15 of Schedule 1 to the Taxation Administration Act 1953 ('TAA'). The pay as you go withholding system allows many taxpayers to make provision for their income tax liabilities by requiring payers to withhold amounts from certain payments, including taxable superannuation income stream benefits. This instrument provides for a more accurate amount of withholding for the relevant payees by taking into account all of their circumstances.

[QLD moves on truck safety laws \(QLD\)](#)

[Changes to bus limits and twin-steer tri-axles start July 1 \(AU\)](#)

[New NTC work program responds to rapid change across the transport sector \(AU\)](#)

The National Transport Commission (NTC) has released a new work program with an increased focus on developing performance-based, flexible regulation for the transport sector.

[Remaining draft determinations for wages and allowances published \(AU\)](#)

[Product Emissions Standards \(Customs\) Charges Regulations 2018 \(AU\)](#)

The purpose is to prescribe the amount of charge to be imposed on the import of emissions-controlled products. The charge is set at 0.45% of the value of the product, subject to the operation of a high item value threshold and an importation threshold. The high item value threshold limits the amount of charge on any one item to ensure that importers of high value products do not face a disproportionate share of the costs of the scheme. The importation threshold is based on the sum of the product values of emissions-controlled products imported by a person each financial year and reduces the overall administrative costs of the scheme by ensuring that the cost of recovering a charge from an importer is not greater than the charge itself.

[Product Emissions Standards \(Excise\) Charges Regulations 2018 \(AU\)](#)

The purpose is to prescribe the amount of charge to be imposed on the **manufacture** of emissions-controlled products. The charge is set at 0.45% of the price of the product, subject to the operation of a high item value threshold and a manufacture threshold. The high item value threshold limits the amount of charge on any one item to ensure that manufacturers of high value products do not face a disproportionate share of the costs of the scheme. The manufacture threshold is based on the sum of the product values of emissions-controlled products manufactured by a person each financial year and will reduce the overall administrative costs of the scheme by ensuring that the cost of recovering a charge from a manufacturer is not greater than the charge itself.

REPORTS | STATISTICS

[ADVI prompts connected, automated vehicle discussion \(AU\)](#)

[NTC: Carbon Dioxide Emissions Intensity for New Australian Light Vehicles 2017 - Report](#) released 12 June 2018 (AU)

[NREL study focuses on growing use and impacts of ride-hailing services at airports \(US\)](#)

SMALL BUSINESS

['Reasonable steps' to promote compliance essential for franchisors to avoid liability and brand damage, says FWO \(AU\)](#) New guide released

[Ombudsman outlines support of superannuation amnesty for small businesses \(AU\)](#)

[Payroll tax – Apprentice and Trainee rebate \\$M QLD Budget 2018 - 19](#)

For the extension of the per cent payroll tax rebate for apprentices and trainees to June.

[Breaking Down Borders For Victoria's Small Businesses \(VIC\)](#)

The Victorian Government has announced a new project to simplify cross-border regulations and make it easier for small businesses in hospitality, taxi services, heavy vehicles and trades to do business in NSW.

[\\$40 million boost to attract business to Queensland \(QLD\)](#)

Minister for State Development and Manufacturing Cameron Dick said the funding was helping to create jobs and build Queensland's manufacturing industry.

[NSW Budget 2018: Payroll tax cuts mean boom time for NSW businesses \(NSW\)](#)

NSW businesses will receive a boost to their bottom lines with \$881 million to be returned to their pockets in payroll tax cuts over the next four years.

[Small business to get big help bulldozing red tape \(NSW\)](#)

NSW Government's award-winning Easy to do Business program, which provides small businesses with one front door to Government is being up-scaled.

SKILLS | TRAINING

[Turbo-charging TasTAFE \(TAS\)](#)

[Auto job vacancies soar \(AU\)](#)

Australia fights to find staff, while retention rates slump, says recruiter.

[NSW to skill the future workforce with \\$500m federal funding \(NSW\)](#)

[NSW Budget 100 000 free apprenticeships \(NSW\)](#)

TECHNOLOGY

[NSW Budget caters for the future of driverless cars \(NSW\)](#)

A new \$10 million fund dedicated to expanding trials of driverless vehicles will form part of the NSW Budget to ensure that the State keeps up with the moving pace of technology.

[Electric car owners take action \(AU\)](#)

Rather than wait for government action, an electric vehicle owners' group got on with the job of ensuring a charger covers Australia's most popular routes. A voluntary initiative of the Tesla Owners Club of Australia (TOCA) split the costs of the power points with the Australian Electric Vehicle Association to fill the 10,000km of gaps.

INSIGHTS | VIEWS

[Import tariffs imposed on steel and aluminium - What could happen? \(UK\)](#)

[Big dealerships 'are finished' \(AU\)](#)

Ateco's Neville Crichton predicts move from big dealerships to satellite showrooms and service centres.

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