

AUTOMOTIVE DAILY NEWS ALERT

[Vic premier defends taxes ahead of budget \(VIC\)](#) See also [FCAI deplores Victorian Government's suggestion of Luxury Car Tax on vehicles \(AU\)](#) [Car industry slam's Victoria's proposed tax on vehicles over \\$100,000 \(AU\)](#)

[Scott Morrison's new ministry — who is in and who has moved \(AU\)](#)

[Suncorp outlines terms for Capital SMART smash repairs sale \(AU\)](#)

Suncorp will underwrite a minimum volume through the Capital SMART vehicle repairs network, in an effort to get the best price possible for the business. Suncorp has told interested parties Capital SMART would come with a 25-year contract back to Suncorp attached, including a fixed 15-year term and two five-year options. The contract would ensure insurer Suncorp's referrals into the network and will include a minimum level of business that will be backstopped by the A+-rated insurance giant. See also ['Right time for change': Suncorp CEO Michael Cameron to step down \(AU\)](#)

[TFGA welcomes quad bike roll bar rebates for farmers, continues calls for safety measure to be mandatory \(TAS\)](#)

The Tasmanian Farmers and Graziers Association has welcomed a state government rebate scheme for quad bike roll bars but remains firm in its view that the safety measure must become mandatory. The government included [a \\$500,000 rebate scheme in the budget](#), in which farm businesses were eligible for up to \$1000 to fit roll bars on their quad bikes. There are an estimated 4000 quad bikes in Tasmania, but the government has no figure on how many have been fitted with roll bars.

[Service stations blame high petrol prices on commercial rates \(ACT\)](#)

[Tesla Model 3 receives certification to be sold in Australia, strongly suggests models and towing capacity \(AU\)](#)

CONSULTATIONS

Report released - [Inquiry into a sustainable Queensland intrastate shipping industry \(QLD\)](#)

PRODUCT RECALLS

[Audi Australia Pty Ltd — Audi A6 \(4GL\) & A7 \(4G\) MY2014-MY2016 \(AU\)](#)

[FCA Australia Pty Ltd — Abarth 124 Spider MY2016-2018 \(AU\)](#)

[Jaguar Land Rover Australia — Jaguar I-Pace MY2019-2020 \(AU\)](#)

[Mercedes-Benz Australia/Pacific Pty Ltd — Mercedes-Benz GLC and E Class Passenger Cars MY2018 \(AU\)](#)

[Mercedes-Benz Australia/Pacific Pty Ltd — Mercedes-Benz C Class MY2014 and MY2015 \(AU\)](#)

[Mercedes-Benz Australia/Pacific Pty Ltd — Mercedes-Benz C Class MY2018 and MY2019 \(AU\)](#)

[Volvo Group Australia — Mack Trucks - CLX, CMH & CMM - MY2018 \(AU\)](#)

[Volvo Group Australia — Volvo Trucks - FH13, FH16, FM13, FM11, FMX11 & FMX13 - MY2018 \(AU\)](#)

[Volvo Group Australia — Volvo Trucks - FM11, FE8, FEE7 - MY2018 \(AU\)](#)

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

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LEGAL

New Drug testing standard released (AU)

The requirement to manage risk in the workplace often calls up the need to undertake drug and alcohol testing, particularly in the industry of fuel wholesale, transport and retail. A series of cases before the courts have called into question the testing methodologies and approaches that have been used, resulting in confusion from businesses as to what method, and what procedure should be followed when undertaking drug testing at work.

SMALL BUSINESS

Low GST and PAYG withholding registration numbers trigger ATO business visits to Dandenong and Richmond (VIC) The Australian Taxation Office (ATO) will be visiting small businesses in Victoria from late May to early June as part of a nationwide crackdown on the black economy.

Industries in focus for Dandenong include:

- Transport Support Services
- Automotive Repair and Maintenance

Police 'stop-check' stickers combat tractor theft (UK)

SKILLS | TRAINING

Suncorp donation to support tomorrow's technicians (NSW)

Insurer Suncorp has donated three late-model, written-off vehicles to TAFE NSW Glendale to support the real-world hands-on training of automotive students and help them become "tomorrow's technicians."

Tasmanian Budget 2019: Vocational education and school-based apprenticeships boosted (TAS)

TECHNOLOGY

ATA and MaxiTRANS partner on proof of concept (AU)

The proof of concept involves the development of a rigid drawbar converter dolly following discussions by members of the ATA Industry Technical Council in relation to brake relativity and tyre wear resultant from issues prompted by hinged drawbar converter dollies.

Bosch announce trial to use Ethereum, one step closer towards mainstream adoption? (INT)

INSIGHTS | VIEWS

Why new technology is vital for delivery fleets to survive (EUR)

New hi-tech systems are allowing delivery companies of all sizes to compete with major international logistics operators.

Fleets need repair strategy rethink after ADAS increase (AU)

AVs could change the economics of parking garages (INT)

Premium automakers can't afford the luxury of current business model, analyst says (EUR)

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