

**AUTOMOTIVE DAILY NEWS ALERT****[VACC award finalists announced](#) (VIC)****[Prime Minister Shorten there is still much work to be done](#) (AU)**

In the lead-up to the Federal election on Saturday 18 May, the Victorian Automobile Chamber of Commerce (VACC) is reminding both sides of politics that, while the major parties have shown good will and support for several key policies outlined in its election manifesto [Keep Australia Moving](#) – including commitment to supporting Australia's automotive future; mandating access to service and repair information; and creating an automotive-specific Franchise Code of Conduct – much work remains to be done.

**[Volvo Australia working on capped price servicing](#) (AU)****[New Right to Repair battle rages between car manufacturers and repair shops](#) (US)****[How Tesla plans to cut customers' insurance costs: Tap into Autopilot](#) (INT)**

Tesla wants to sell its drivers cheaper car insurance based on owners' driving and the performance of Tesla's Autopilot driver-assistance system. The WSJ reports that Tesla said it has better data on the performance of its cars and drivers than insurers do and thinks it can lower insurance costs because of that.

**[EU trade chief sees possible extension to May 18 deadline for U.S. car tariffs](#) (EU)****[US trade office gets ready to impose tariffs on another \\$300 billion of Chinese imports](#) (US)****PRODUCT RECALLS****[Opalite Industries Pty Ltd — Opalite Skoot Tandem Caravan](#) (AU)****[The real recall problem: Carmakers aren't held financially accountable](#) (US)****ECONOMIC INDICATORS****SELECTED AUTOMOTIVE PUBLIC COMPANY SHARE PERFORMANCE**[AHG](#)[AMA](#)[AP EAGERS](#)[BAPCOR](#)[CALTEX](#)[CARSALES](#)[CHARTER HALL](#)[MOTORCYCLE](#)[HOLDINGS](#)[SIMS METAL](#)[Metals Price Index LME](#)**LEGAL****[Towing regulation needs change out West](#) (WA)**

Consumer Protection commissioner David Hillyard has acted to see greater consumer regulations for Western Australia's towing industry.

**REPORTS | STATISTICS****[Weekly Petrol Prices Report - Week ending 12 May 2019](#) (AU)**

[Voters demand safer roads and less congestion: AAA survey \(AU\)](#)

## **SMALL BUSINESS**

[MTA Queensland announced as Small Business Digital Champion \(QLD\)](#)

[MaxiTRANS introduces MaxiASSIST \(AU\)](#)

Trailer builder, MaxiTRANS, has announced the rollout of onsite servicing and 24/7 trailer breakdown support service, MaxiASSIST.

[Facebook launches new playbook, e-learning courses for dealers \(US\)](#)

## **SKILLS | TRAINING**

[Queensland HEV training attracts international students \(QLD\)](#)

The MTA Institute's latest hybrid electric vehicle training course in Queensland is attracting enrolments from automotive professionals throughout Australia and beyond.

## **INSIGHTS | VIEWS**

[Trucking industry demands 30-day payment terms \(AU\)](#)

The Australian Trucking Association (ATA) has demanded the introduction of mandatory 3

[Call for refrigerant enforcement and compliance \(AU\)](#)

Refrigerants Australia executive director, Greg Picker, has called for improved enforcement and compliance of Australian Refrigeration Council (ARC) license holders, which includes autobody repair businesses and car wreckers.

[Compulsory third party for riders, not motorbikes \(AU\)](#)

[Dismantling versus Post Shredder Separation – A cost analysis \(UK\)](#)

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