

**AUTOMOTIVE DAILY NEWS ALERT****[Foreign giants, private equity rev Caltex bankers \(AU\)](#)**

The fumes of a deal are swirling around \$6.5 billion petrol station owner Caltex Australia. The question is who's holding the match and whether they choose to strike it. Investment bankers of all varieties are known to be crawling over Caltex and its asset portfolio. Consumer bankers are thinking about the long-term future of Caltex's petrol stations and convenience strategy, utilities and infrastructure bankers are knocking around its fuel supply chain assets, while their financial sponsors coverage are pitching all sorts of break-up plans to their clients.

**[Warren Buffett-backed BYD in Australian electric car deal \(AU\)](#)**

Chinese electric car company BYD Co, in which Warren Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway holds a stake of 25 per cent, has signed a deal with an Adelaide-based group to produce an electric car for the Australian market from late 2020.

**[Parties have equal vision for car retailers \(AU\)](#)****[Trucking Industry Threatened by Escalating U.S.-China Trade War \(US\)](#)****[Trump expected to delay auto tariffs decision by up to six months: officials \(US\)](#)****ECONOMIC INDICATORS****CommSec [Aussie job hiring conditions hit 3½-year low \(AU\)](#)****CommSec [Fastest private sector wage growth in 4 years \(AU\)](#)**

The wage price index rose by 0.5 per cent in the March quarter following a similar increase in the December quarter. Annual wages growth was unchanged at 2.3 per cent. Private and public sector wages were up 2.4 per cent on the year. Victorian wages by 2.7 per cent over the year – equaling the strongest annual growth in four years. Next strongest was Tasmania, up 2.5 per cent on the year.

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**[Fix the truck laws and save families \\$400 a year \(AU\)](#)** See also Deloitte Access Economics report **[Economic benefits of improved regulation in the Australian trucking industry \(AU\)](#)**

## [Amsterdam to ban petrol and diesel cars and motorbikes by 2030 \(EUR\)](#)

## [U.S. to take 'fresh look' at opening automakers' key spectrum band \(US\)](#)

The U.S. Federal Communications Commission plans to vote in June on launching a new review of a key spectrum band reserved for automakers that could boost Wi-Fi use.

## REPORTS | STATISTICS

### [National fatigue compliance steady NHVR says \(AU\)](#)

### [IHS Markit: sales of automotive ECUs to hit \\$211B in 2030, 5% CAGR \(INT\)](#)

### [Rise of online car portals spikes 'unseen' used car purchases \(UK\)](#)

More than half of Brits (52%) that haven't bought sight unseen previously, for example, say they would be more likely to do so if it had been examined by a pre-sale vehicle inspector from a trusted brand first. Other factors that would see consumers more likely to embrace buying blind include dealers being upfront and providing clear information about their right to cancel (48%), a significantly discounted price (44%) and knowing that the dealer was associated with a trusted body (44%).

### [EVs to outnumber ICE vehicles in 20 years \(INT\)](#)

About 57% of all passenger vehicle sales and over 30% of the global passenger vehicle fleet will be electric by 2040, global researcher BloombergNEF says in its Electric Vehicle Outlook 2019.

## SMALL BUSINESS

### [Boost for Wimmera Business Community \(VIC\)](#)

## TECHNOLOGY

### [Nissan introduces world-first driver assistance system \(INT\)](#)

A new system offering driver assistance technology and navigated highway driving with hands-off single-lane driving capabilities has been unveiled by Nissan.

### [SEA Electric charges ahead with fossil-free future \(AU\)](#)

### [Audi introducing V2I Traffic Light Information service in Europe \(EUR\)](#)

Equipped cars will be able to catch a "green wave" in the city; Audi drivers will see in the cockpit what speed is required to reach the next traffic light on a green. If that is not possible within the permitted speed limit, there will be a countdown to the next green phase.

### [Google tests automatic car crash detection for the Pixels on Android Q \(INT\)](#)

Google appears to be working on a new app for its Pixel line of smartphones, one with a crash detection function. Called Safety Hub, the app has only been seen in code form, and details about the auto-related app are not yet public knowledge.

## INSIGHTS | VIEWS

### [The future of Britain's automotive industry \(UK\)](#)

### [Cars of the future need to be able to heal themselves \(INT\)](#)

High-tech cars of the future may be subject to attacks, viruses, and even minor programming bugs — which is why they need to be able to fix themselves. **Why it matters:** We're not driving cars anymore — we're driving computers.

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