

AUTOMOTIVE DAILY NEWS ALERT**[Ford sells Broadmeadows and Geelong factories for undisclosed sum \(VIC\)](#)****[FCA dealers win bonus refunds \(INT\)](#)**

Factory cancels audit clawback of sales bonuses after Australian dealers revolt

[Queensland launches plan to improve heavy vehicle safety \(QLD\)](#)**[Australia decides: Roy Morgan says election on knife edge \(AU\)](#)****[GM ends free PDFs of body procedures, says docs insufficient for repairs \(US\)](#)****CONSULTATIONS****[National Transport Regulatory Reform \(AU\)](#)**

The Productivity Commission is assessing the economic impact of reforms to transport regulation agreed to by the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) in 2008-09. Those reforms relate to heavy vehicle safety and productivity, rail safety and maritime safety. The Commission will also recommend further reforms towards a more integrated national market for transport services. Initial submissions are due by **Friday 28 June 2019**.

PRODUCT RECALLS**[Ford recalls thousands of cars due to rollaway risk \(US\)](#)****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****[Uber Drivers Are Not Employees, National Relations Board Rules. Drivers Saw It Coming \(US\)](#)****REPORTS | STATISTICS****[Green light for hydrogen mix in gas networks \(AU\)](#)**

Energy Networks Australia has today released a report confirming that injection of hydrogen into the gas distribution network can be done under current gas legislation.

[Industry 4.0 poised to deliver growth and change through workforce transformation Swinburne \(VIC\)](#)

Industry 4.0 – is about the fusion of cyber-physical systems that involves digitalisation across the entire industrial value chain. It includes technologies such as Industrial Internet of Things (IIoT), advanced automation and robotics, 3D printing, machine-to-machine communication, digital twins and sensor technology. The report finds industry, education, unions, peak bodies and government must collaborate to

drive innovation and workforce transformation for the benefit of industry and society. Among its eight recommendations, the report proposes that new funding, delivery and accreditation models be created to support lifelong learning, reskilling and upskilling throughout the work lifecycle.

[AACS releases 2018 State of the Industry Report \(AU\)](#)

The 2018 AACS State of the Industry Report has been launched today. It reveals a strong growth result of 2.4 per cent in 2018, boosting the value of the convenience industry to \$8.6 billion – and this is excluding petrol sales.

[One in five new heavy vehicles PBS approved \(AU\)](#)

[Global energy investment stabilised above USD 1.8 trillion in 2018, but security and sustainability concerns are growing \(INT\)](#)

The findings of the IEA's *World Energy Investment 2019* report signal a growing mismatch between current trends and the paths to meeting the Paris Agreement and other sustainable development goals.

- Even as investments stabilised, approvals for new conventional oil and gas projects fell short of what would be needed to meet continued robust growth in global energy demand.
- Final investment decisions (FIDs), for coal plants have fallen by about three-quarters over the past three years, from about 88GW in 2015 to about 22GW last year.
- At the same time, there are few signs of the substantial reallocation of capital towards energy efficiency and cleaner supply sources that is needed to bring investments in line with the Paris Agreement and other sustainable development goals.

SMALL BUSINESS

[Volvo Car Accident Advisor refers drivers to certified repair shops \(Can\)](#)

[How to Improve Your Effective Labor Rate \(US\)](#)

[NFDA launches Electric Vehicle Approved \(EVA\) certification scheme for dealers \(UK\)](#)

TECHNOLOGY

[Mitsubishi and HERE develop road hazard alert system \(INT\)](#)

A system that allows vehicles to automatically warn others about upcoming road hazards with lane-level precision has been successfully piloted by Mitsubishi Electric Corporation and HERE Technologies.

[Robots Take the Wheel as Autonomous Farm Machines Hit Fields \(INT\)](#)

[EU to invest EUR 100 mln in 7 new 5G research projects \(EU\)](#)

The European Commission has announced that a further EUR 100 million in funding will be allocated to 7 new research and innovation projects under its 5G Public Private Partnership (5G PPP).

[Britain pledges \\$35 million for EV battery research \(UK\)](#)

The UK government has pledged 28 million pounds (\$36 million) to research electric-car batteries and establish an industry-leading factory.

[U.S. Delays Review of Spectrum for Vehicles to Communicate \(US\)](#)

[MIT study: Even with robot drivers, ride-hailing still expensive \(US\)](#)

INSIGHTS | VIEWS

[Is Coles Express behind the spike in fuel prices? \(AU\)](#)

[The race to move stuff \(INT\)](#)

It's not as glossy as space travel or flashy as AI, but the [\\$1.5 trillion a year business](#) of moving stuff around is one of the most lucrative and complex industries in the U.S. And Amazon is attempting to conquer it.

[Electric Heavy-Duty Trucks Gain Momentum \(INT\)](#)

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