

Bulletin

Industry Divisions



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Dear Member

At an extraordinary VADA meeting held on 24 July, MTAA CEO, Richard Dudley advised that he would be meeting with the Commonwealth Treasury Department (the Department) on 27 July to provide a briefing on the state of the Victorian market.

Importantly part of those conversations would revolve around the critical impacts put forward by VADA members of JobKeeper 2.0 and dealer access/eligibility.

I can advise that MTAA did meet with the Department. MTAA advised the Department of the rapidly changing dynamics of COVID-19 on the dealer sector and, for jurisdictions such as Victoria, who are undergoing a second wave of COVID-19 on what approaches should be taken by the Department's policy makers. This includes the ever-growing menace of stock and supply issues.

MTAA was advised of the following:

- that there was little that could be done for JobKeeper on an industry specific basis as it was designed and implemented using existing systems across the whole of the economy.
- there is no capacity constitutionally for a Commonwealth program such as JobKeeper to differentiate and/or make special allocations to different jurisdictions.
- there was a difference between JobKeeper type programs versus Commonwealth Government grants for specific purposes.

It is important to note that there will be further communication and an additional meetings with the Department when correspondence to Treasurer Frydenberg and others makes its way to them for formal advice.

Important dealer stock survey

The Department has requested that VADA supply information relating to supply chain issues.

The Chair of the Victorian Automobile Dealers Association , Sid Cetindag has requested VACC distribute the following short (1.5 mins) survey for all dealer members to complete. This survey applies to car, truck, motorcycle and farm machinery dealers. This will assist in informing the Department of how COVID-19 supply issues are impacting the Victorian dealer sector. Please insert your comments by clicking the button below:

[Dealer Supply Survey](#)

Meeting yesterday with Peter Harris AO, Chief Executive Officer, National COVID-19 Commission Advisory Board

VACC CEO, Geoff Gwilym had an opportunity yesterday to put the case for dealers to the CEO of the Prime Minister appointed National COVID-19 Commission Advisory Board with regards to the June quarter reporting impacting future JobKeeper subsidy eligibility from 28 September.

The issue is well understood by Government, in particular the vagaries surrounding the conundrums of the June 2020 market. I have taken a 'glass half full' approach from the conversation.

VACC and MTAA have been invited to further engage with the National COVID-19 Commission Advisory Board on the JobKeeper 2.0 issue in the coming week.

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