

BULLETIN

VACC Industry Divisions



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Dear Member

The federal election on May 18 presents a difficult choice for many businesses within the automotive industry.

VACC has widely articulated its policy priorities for the automotive industry, particularly to the ALP and Liberal/National Coalition, through our [Keep Australia Moving](#) automotive policy priorities document.

Following on from our policy document, VACC has undertaken an examination of the policy platforms of both major political parties against our industry priorities. The results of this are presented in the form of a scorecard below.

VACC's 2019 Federal Election Scorecard

How well are the major parties performing for automotive?



VACC Policy Position	Coalition	Labor
Commitment to supporting Australia's automotive future	✓	✓
Access to service and repair information	✓	✓
Mandated motor vehicle insurance and repair industry code	X	X
Automotive specific Franchise Code of Conduct	✓	✓
Skills and training	X	X
Industrial relations	✓	X
End of life vehicles	X	X
Improved digital connectivity in Australian regional areas	✓	✓
Abolition of the Luxury Car Tax	X	X
Red-tape reduction and the Australian Consumer Law	X	X

You can find more details on the scorecard [here](#).

VACC's scorecard indicates that whilst there has been progress on some industry priorities from both parties, there has also been a reluctance on the part of the ALP and Liberal/National Coalition regarding policy support for many key automotive industry objectives. These include:

- A failure of both parties to indicate policy support towards a mandated motor vehicle insurance and repair industry code of conduct
- A failure of both parties to prioritise skills and training policy initiatives towards the automotive industry
- The lack of support for an end-of-life vehicle program amongst both parties
- No indication of the abolition of the luxury car tax amongst both parties
- A lack of concrete measures for business red-tape reduction and improvements to Australian Consumer Law from both parties

For an industry that employs 380,000 people and contributes more than \$37 billion dollars annually to the Australian economy, it is inconceivable that such key industry priorities have been largely ignored by both major political parties.

Regardless of whoever wins government, VACC will continue to lobby and pressure for meaningful reform that recognises and promotes the merits and key needs of the automotive industry amongst policy-makers.

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