

Costs for LMCTs to register a vehicle on behalf of consumers and the Victorian Government

As part of VACC's lobbying pursuits for the upcoming 2022 Victorian State Election, VACC will be asking the next Victorian State Government to create a scheme that will result in Licensed Motor Car Traders (LMCTs) being compensated for their work in registering and inspecting motor vehicles as well as collecting motor vehicle duty, and other fees, on behalf of the government.

What does VACC seek from its LMCT members?

We ask that all LMCTs complete the short 10 question survey contained in [this link](#). The survey data will be aggregated and used as a benchmark figure for VACC to inform the Victorian Government how much LMCT resource is being used to collect revenue on behalf of the state.

The issue of collecting revenue for the government

VACC LMCT Divisions, have, for many years, sought to see a system in place where a LMCT would receive a fee to cover the business costs associated with being an agent for the Victorian Government when collecting and distributing the various fees and taxes associated with the disposal, acquisition and inspection of motor vehicles.

LMCTs do not seek to profit from such a process but merely recover the costs associated with doing the work of government. Over the past decade, the rise in volume of vehicle transfers, inspections and registrations has become a time consuming and financial burden for LMCTs.

Why has VACC waited until now to mount such a campaign?

Many VACC members would know that the Victorian Government will soon announce a Joint Venture (JV) Partner that will see a private equity partner appointed with the purpose to modernise a number of VicRoads services to make them more user-friendly for motorists and deliver value for money for Victorians. It will be Victorian LMCTs who will be completing much of the work involved in the modernizing of the VicRoads systems.

VACC welcomes good innovation and improvement in service delivery from the JV. But what VACC does not support is dealers expending their resources as a cost saving mechanism for a private equity JV partner. It is from this aspect that the very industry who register and inspect those vehicles must be considered and compensated.

Please complete the survey at your individual dealerships before Monday, 30 May 2022.

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