

BULLETIN

All Members



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Cutting the Red Tape: Small Business Regulation Review

VACC Members are advised that on Thursday 28 July, the Minister for Small Business, Trade and Innovation, the Hon Phillip Dalidakis MP launched a Government Wide Small Business Regulation Review (the Review).

Over the next two years the Andrews Labor government will examine how regulation is impacting Victoria's small businesses. The Government aims to reduce red tape by 25 per cent. This review will be used to inform decisions about red tape reduction in the future.

Announcing the review Minister Dalidakis said: "Small businesses are the backbone of our strong economic growth, they bring people together and support local jobs- we are making sure their time and resources are not wasted on burdensome red tape."

The great news for automotive retail is that Retail Business will be the first focus of the review. VACC estimates that retail automotive contributes an approximately \$7.9 billion or 2.2% to the Victorian economy.

There is an opportunity for VACC members to inform the Government of the cost and impact of regulatory costs and fees via an online survey created by consultancy firm KPMG. What you should be looking to tell Government is where regulations either don't work, are redundant, complex, costly or difficult to administer. VACC urges members to participate in this survey. You can participate in the online survey by taking this link.

VACC sees the Review as a terrific opportunity to further inform Government of areas of Regulation where red tape is impacting automotive businesses in Victoria.

In 2014 VACC members heavily participated in a Red Tape Reduction Review of the Motor Car Traders Act & Regulations. Some terrific gains were made for LMCTs on the back of recommendations put forward by VACC members. The Review now provides a further opportunity for all members on a raft of Regulations. Examples of some of the automotive /business Regulations and Acts for you to comment upon include:

- Motor Car Traders Regulations 2008
- Duties Act 2000
- Road Safety (Vehicles) Regulations 2009
- Environmental Protection (Vehicle Emissions) Regulations 2013
- Accident Towing Service Act 2007
- Occupation Health and Safety Act 2004
- Retail Leases Act 2010
- Planning and Environment Act 1978

Examples of where red tape is impacting on your business could include:

- The impost of Regulation 8 of the Motor Car Traders Regulations 2008 where this a requirement for new car dealers to record demonstrator vehicles in the dealings book.
- The impost of Duties Act 2000, Section 216, where unlike some other states, the stamp duty must be collected by the LMCT whereas if you are buying privately it is paid directly to VicRoads by the purchaser.

Further avenues to inform the Review will be to attend a facilitated Industry Roundtable Consultation (IRC) meeting in Melbourne and/or Regional Victoria. The meetings will be held at the following locations and dates:

- Traralgon 16 August 2016
- Geelong 22 August 2016
- Melbourne CBD 23 August 2016
- Shepparton 26 August 2016
- Bendigo 30 August 2016
- Ballarat 31 August 2016

You can take this link to register your attendance at one of the Industry Roundtables. A VACC representative will be in attendance at each Roundtable.

The Government has developed an issues paper and a webpage to further provide information to industry. You can access this webpage by taking this link.

VACC will be making a submission and will look to members to help in provision of evidence based examples of red tape affecting the retail automotive industry sector. We look forward to helping our industry relieve itself from the burden associated with red tape.

Please contact me to discuss your examples of red tape to ensure we represent the views of members during this review.

Kind regards

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