

Access to Motor Vehicle Service and Repair Information Update

Dear Member

An important milestone has been reached as we draw closer to the implementation of *the Competition and Consumer Amendment (Motor Vehicle Service and Repair Information Sharing Scheme) Act 2021*. Yesterday morning the Assistant Treasurer, Michael Sukkar MP announced the appointment of the Australian Automotive Service and Repair Authority (AASRA) as the inaugural Scheme Adviser, supported by a \$250,000 Commonwealth Grant.

From 1 July 2022, car manufacturers and other data providers will be required by law to share motor vehicle service and repair information with independent repairers and Registered Training Organisations at a fair market price.

Today's announcement is the culmination of months of dedicated work by VACC's national body the Motor Trades Association of Australia, VACC, Australian Automotive Aftermarket Association, Australian Automotive Dealer Association, and Federal Chamber of Automotive Industries to establish AASRA as an industry-based, not-for-profit company to perform a crucial role in administering the Scheme.

AASRA's Functions

AASRA's core functions are to oversee and support the day-to-day operational functions of the legislation including nominating mediators/technical experts for the purposes of dispute resolution, sharing information as to where and how to access scheme information, and periodically report to the ACCC and Minister responsible on any systemic regulatory or enforcement issues.

The AASRA Board is currently working on a major project in collaboration with the National Automotive Service Taskforce (NASTF) that will ensure technicians are vetted and certified as vehicle security or safety professionals in accordance with the fit and proper person provisions outlined within the Act. This will provide a streamlined process for technicians to access key codes, reprogramming information and other relevant security and safety information required to complete the job at hand.

It is a requirement that any technician needing access to information relating to hydrogen, high voltage and electric propulsion systems will be required to demonstrate the completion of AURETH101 Depower and reinitialise battery electric vehicles – an equivalent course or on-the-job training provided by or on behalf of a manufacturer.

What's next?

Over the coming weeks and months, AASRA will be making further announcements including the launch of the AASRA website and other important information. An information session will also be held during the upcoming AAAA Expo scheduled for 7-9 April at the Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre.

Click [here](#) to read the Hon Minister Sukkar MP media release.

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