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## **Update: Motor Vehicle Service and Repair Information Sharing Scheme**

Dear Member

Today marks a historic day for the Australian automotive service and repair industry. The Hon Michael Sukkar MP this morning presented a Bill for an Act to amend the Competition and Consumer Act 2010 in relation to sharing information for motor vehicle service and repair, and for related purposes "Competition and Consumer Amendment (Motor Vehicle Service and Repair Information Sharing Scheme) Bill 2021".

This ground-breaking legislation will level the playing field for the automotive repair sector, increasing competition and consumer choice. VACC welcomes the legislation and awaits its full passage through the Australian Parliament. VACC also thanks the Assistant Treasurer, the Hon Michael Sukkar MP for his leadership on this issue.

### **Objects of the Scheme**

The Bill aims to establish a scheme that mandates all service and repair information provided to car dealership networks and manufacturer preferred repairers be made available for independent repairers and RTOs to purchase.

The Objects of the Scheme are to:

1. promote competition between Australian repairers of passenger and light goods motor vehicles and establish a fair playing field by mandating access to diagnostic, repair and servicing information on fair and reasonable commercial terms;
2. enable consumers to have those vehicles attended to by an Australian repairer of their choice who can provide efficient and safe services;
3. encourage the provision of accessible and affordable diagnostic, repair and servicing information to Australian repairers, and to RTOs for training purposes;
4. protect safety and security information about those vehicles to ensure the safety and security of consumers, information users and the general public; and
5. provide a low-cost alternative dispute resolution mechanism.

VACC will roll out a series of workshops across Victoria throughout the year, providing members an opportunity to better understand the details of the legislation. Dates and venues will be released shortly.

**Access the joint Media Release by MTAA and AAAA [here](#).**

**Access the Morrison Government's media release [here](#).**

[Competition and Consumer Amendment \(Motor Vehicle Service and Repair Information Sharing Scheme\) Bill 2021](#).

[Competition and Consumer Amendment \(Motor Vehicle Service and Repair Information Sharing Scheme\) Explanatory Memorandum](#).

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