

# BULLETIN

## Victorian Automobile Dealers Association



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### **Victorian New CAR Dealers welcome Government intervention, but more can be done**

The peak body representing new car dealers in Victoria, the Victorian Automobile Chamber of Commerce (VACC) via its Victorian Automobile Dealer Association (VADA) welcomes the announcement made today by the Morrison Government of a \$17.6 billion economic stimulus package designed to help keep Australians in jobs, keep businesses in business and support households and the Australian economy. You can read the full statement by the Prime Minister's Office by taking this [link](#).

#### **What is in the stimulus package for new car dealers?**

VACC is heartened that after 24 months of consecutive decline in the new car sales market that an expanded instant asset write-off has been introduced.

Part of the stimulus package announced and that start today sees \$1.3 billion to support small businesses to support the jobs of around 120,000 apprentices and trainees. Eligible employers can apply for a wage subsidy of 50 per cent of the apprentice's or trainee's wage for up to 9 months from 1 January 2020 to 30 September 2020. Where a small business is not able to retain an apprentice, the subsidy will be available to a new employer that employs that apprentice.

#### **Where can I get more information regarding the small business support?**

As part of its economic response to the Coronavirus, the Government has also [released a fact sheet](#) that will assist business to manage cash flow challenges and help business retain employees. This assistance will support businesses to manage cash flow challenges and help businesses retain their employees.

#### **What do dealers need to form the Victorian Government?**

Victoria is currently 11.5 % down on 2019 sales figures and any added stimulus for a consumer to purchase a new motor vehicle is welcomed. After the events surrounding the withdrawal of Holden from the local market and potential changes to Honda Dealerships and extra government assistance is gratefully accepted.

VACC and VADA now look to the Andrew's State Government to deliver a suite of incentives to assist Victorian Dealers in seeing a return on their investment and added impetus to encourage investment in infrastructure and protect and enhance employment opportunities.

VACC calls on the Andrew's Government to carefully consider the plight of new car dealers in the upcoming Victorian State Budget and ensure that consumers are not provided with roadblocks in their decision making to a new car purchase.

New car dealers cannot become the new 'beer and cigarette' tax of Victoria.

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