

BULLETIN

Victorian Automobile Dealers Association



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Urgent dealer feedback sought re 'Franchise relationships between car manufacturers and new car dealers'

The Chair of the Victorian Automobile Dealers Association (VADA), Sharon Pask, has asked that VADA members are advised that VACC and MTA are well on the road to achieving the VACC long term goal of a specific Franchise Code for New Car Dealers. As many of you would be aware, VACC and MTA have been lobbying for the introduction of such a code since 2011.

Release of Government Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS)

A Regulation Impact Statement (RIS) has been released for consultation by the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science (DIIS). A public consultation is now underway to help the Government better understand the current challenges and to give stakeholders, including car manufacturers and dealers, the opportunity to have their say on how franchise arrangements can be improved.

About the RIS

If you follow [this link](#) you will be able to view a copy of RIS titled '***Franchise relationships between car manufacturers and new car dealers***'. The RIS has been developed to help inform the Governments decision making regarding some of the key criterion to be consider for inclusion in a future Automotive Dealer Franchise Code.

Who has VACC been collaborating with for the benefit of dealers?

It has been great to work with AADA in this policy area. VADA is working closely on this project with MTA and AADA. It has had positive dialogue with MTA and AADA on how we will respectively reply to the RIS.

Urgent input now required

VACC now seeks your expertise (or the expertise of someone within your group) to help inform the VADA submission so it truly reflects the experiences of VADA members.

VACC has extracted the 31 key questions that the Government has sought feedback on. The purpose of this email is to ask for input and direction on how to respond to the [11 questions highlighted](#) in the document titled RIS Dealer Questions. It is VACC's view that the 11 questions highlighted require specific dealer input.

Your input can be as much or as little as you wish. If you wish to provide feedback to all 31 questions, then go ahead; it all helps to contribute to a submission of true substance. Of course, the more the input the greater the impact for Government. All or any reference to you or your dealership will be redacted or removed. Any input should be marked as 'confidential' and forwarded directly back to me via email at mmckenna@vacc.com.au.

If I can ask for responses before 5pm Thursday, 23 January asap that would help greatly.

Honestly, there is no pressure. If you can't assist then no stress.

Looking forward to your feedback.

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