

## Trading (Allowable Hours) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2022

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### ***Inquiry into the Trading (Allowable Hours) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2022***

#### **Introduction**

The Motor Trades Association of Queensland (MTA Queensland) welcomes the opportunity to provide input to the *Inquiry into the Trading (Allowable Hours) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2022*. With a membership that spans the broad motor industry across the state, trading hours are an important consideration for MTA Queensland.

The overall changes made to the Act in 2017 brought a simplification of trading hour arrangements that were overwhelmingly welcomed across the industry in Queensland. At the same time MTA Queensland was grateful that existing motor vehicle sales trading hours arrangements, as provided for in the 1990 *Trading Hours – Non-Exempt Shops Selling Motor Vehicles State Order*, were retained.

The decision to retain the existing motor vehicle sales arrangements, that essentially preclude Sunday trading by motor vehicle (and caravan) dealers, reflected not only the likely adverse impact of any extension of trading hours on businesses and their employees, but also a changing motor vehicle sales market that is providing customers with ever increasing options to purchase a new or used vehicle.

The current view:

*Inquiry into the Trading (Allowable Hours) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2022.* MTA Queensland believes that any extension of trading hours to permit Sunday trading would be detrimental to impacted businesses and their employees whilst not providing any meaningful benefit to customers as outlined in previous submissions. We support the position in the Amendment Bill for no changes to Motor Vehicle trading hours on behalf of the automotive industry.

Yours sincerely



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**Background:**

The Motor Trades Association of Queensland (**MTA Queensland**) is the peak body representing the interests of employers in the retail, repair, and service sectors of Queensland's automotive industry. MTA Queensland has been performing its vital representative role for the automotive industry since 1929. In Queensland there are some 16,000 automotive businesses employing more than 90,000 people, that generate more than \$7.24 billion to the state economy annually. The automotive industry is estimated to contribute \$37 billion to the Australian economy each year. The Association represents and promotes issues of relevance to all levels of government. In 2019 MTA Queensland was announced as an ABA100 winner in The Australian Business Awards and a finalist in the Lord Mayor's Business Awards, for Business Innovation.

The **MTA Institute (RTO 31529)** is the leading automotive training provider in Queensland offering nationally recognised training, covering technical, retail and the aftermarket sectors of the automotive industry. The MTA Institute is the largest independent automotive training provider in Queensland, employing experienced trainers who are geographically dispersed from Cairns to the Gold Coast and Toowoomba to Emerald. In the last year, the MTA Institute delivered accredited courses to more than 2,000 students. The MTA Institute is the first trade RTO in Australia to be approved under the ITECA Industry Certification Program and was the winner of the Small Training Provider of the Year at the 2019 Queensland Training Awards.

**MTAiQ**, Australia's first automotive innovation hub established by MTA Queensland in 2017, is an ecosystem that supports innovation and research for the motor trades.