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Dear Fuel Price Board Consultation Division

### **Fair Trading (Fuel Price Board) Regulation 2017**

#### **1. Introduction**

1.1 The Motor Trades Association – Queensland (MTA Queensland or the Association) responds to the Minister for Energy, Biofuels and Water Supply Mark Bailey invitation for views on the proposed Fair Trading (Fuel Price Board) Regulation 2017 (the regulation). The MTA Queensland's comments are on behalf of its Service Station and Convenience Store Association Qld (SSCSAQ) and associated issues relating to the interests of the Queensland automotive value chain.

#### **2. Submission**

2.1 Over a long period of time at Office of Fair Trading and SSCSAQ stakeholder meetings, the issue of the display content on retail fuel price boards has been a consistent agenda item for discussion. We advocated the concept of a legislated national standard for fuel price boards or without that a state fuel price board regulation to provide consumer clarity on fuel prices.

2.2 The SSCSAQ has considered the draft regulation content and supports the policy content that fuel retailers must not display a discounted fuel price on any price board. Parallel with this, price changes (increase or decrease) to a fuel type displayed on the price board must correlate with the price displayed on the fuel pump.

2.3 The proposed regulation provides a common-sense and practical resolution to an issue that is confusing to consumers.

#### **3. Background**

3.1 The MTA Queensland is the peak organisation in the State representing the specific interests of businesses in the retail, repair and service sector of Queensland's automotive industry located in the State. There are some 13,000 automotive value chain businesses employing in excess of 90,000 persons generating in excess of \$14.5 billion annually. It is an industrial association of employers incorporated pursuant to the *Fair Work Act* 2009. The Association represents and promotes issues of relevance to the automotive industries to all levels of Government and within Queensland's economic structure.

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3.2 The Association is the leading automotive training provider in Queensland offering nationally recognised training, covering technical, retail and the aftermarket phases of the motor trades industry through the MTA Institute (MTAI) - a registered training organisation. It is the largest automotive apprentice trainer in Queensland employing in excess of 35 trainers geographically dispersed from Cairns to the Gold Coast and Toowoomba and Emerald. The MTAI last financial year accredited courses to in excess of 1,700 apprentices and trainees.

#### **4 Conclusion**

4.1 We would be please to provide further comment on any matters in our submission that may require further clarification or amplification.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brett Dale', with a small flourish at the end.

**Dr Brett Dale**  
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