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Dear General Manager

Re Treasury Legislation Amendment (Spring Repeal Day) Bill 2015

1. Introduction

1.1 The Motor Trades Association – Queensland (MTA Queensland or the Association) responds to the Australian Treasury's call for views pertaining to the Exposure Draft *Treasury Legislation Amendment (Spring Repeal Day) Bill 2015* (the Bill). The MTA Queensland's comments are on behalf of its constituent divisions and are confined to issues which relate to the interests of the Queensland automotive value chain.

2. The Submission

2.1 The Association has carefully considered the Bill and has formed the view that it reflects the essential policy positions and applications to assist entrepreneurs from 1 July 2016 starting a new business.

2.2 The Bill which includes amending the *Corporations Act 2001* and the *A New System (Australian Business Number Act 1999)* so that the Australian Business Number (ABN) from 1 July 2016 to be the single numerical identifier for companies registered under the *Corporations Act*. In addition the Bill amends the taxation laws from 1 July 2016 to allow an entity with an ABN to use it instead of a Tax File Number (TFN). It is noted that the changes will be made prospectively and will not affect existing an Australian Company Number (ACN) and the TFN.

2.3 The measures contained in the Bill are supported, the Association having the view the reform will cut red tape and costs for new business and encourage entrepreneurialism. The MTA Queensland has a training entity, the MTA Institute of Technology - the largest automotive apprentice trainer in Queensland. Many of its students in the medium to longer term aspire to establishing their own businesses. The measures in the Bill, applying from 1 July 2016, streamline the application process for a company seeking registration under the *Corporations Act* and linking the application to be registered in Australian Business Register under the *ABN Act*.

2.4 The process removes red tape and costs e.g. acquiring an ABN from the Registrar of the Australian Business Register, a TFN from the Commissioner of Taxation and an ACN from the Australian

Securities and Investments Commission. We are of the view this will enhance budding entrepreneurs to progress in achieving their ambitions to own and operate their businesses/companies.

2.5 Overall the measures contained in this Bill compliment other reforms introduced by the Australian Taxation Office such as myDeductions, SuperStream for small employers and voice authentication through a smart device following authentication to go directly to their account and transact data into their returns. Holistically, the measures/reforms is smart, enabling young and new entrepreneurs to get on and do what they want to do - to achieve - which ultimately is to the advantage of the Australian economy.

2.6 It is recognised that the various Federal Government agencies have informational websites which highlight the various reforms for business. An educational program that packages the reforms in the one place e.g. the ATO, is essential to inform and to promote take-up. The MTA Queensland endeavours to draw to Members notice new measures that will cut red tape and costs.

3 The MTA Queensland 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 the automotive industry located in Queensland. There are some 14,000 automotive value chain businesses employing in excess of 73,300 persons operating within the State.

3.2 It is an industrial association of employers incorporated pursuant to the Industrial Relations Act of Queensland. The Association represents and promotes issues of relevance to the automotive industries to all levels of government and within Queensland's economic structure.

3.3 The Association is the leading automotive training provider in Queensland offering nationally recognised training, covering all aspects of the retail motor trades industry through the MTA Institute of Technology (MIT). The MIT is the largest automotive apprentice trainer in Queensland employing 26 trainers geographically dispersed from Cairns to the Gold Coast and Toowoomba and Emerald. MIT last financial year accredited courses to in excess of 1500 apprentices and trainees.

4 Conclusion

3.1 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



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