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Pre-budget Small Business Policy Initiative for the Federal Budget 2020-21

Dear Mr O'Brien

On various occasions, you have met with me as a Wide Bay Division constituent and the proprietor of South Burnett Machinery Pty Ltd at Murgon.

In my role as a business proprietor and Chairman of the Motor Trades Association Queensland's (MTA Queensland or the Association) Farm and Industrial Machinery Dealers Division (F&IMDD) I've raised with you the compliance costs of doing business. At a recent meeting of the F&IMDD, there were discussions regarding the cyclical nature of small business incomes due to factors such as environmental and climatic risk; natural disasters; economic cycles and unforecast impacts such as the global financial crisis; distortion to banking and financial infrastructures; and restructuring of global markets.

Emerging from these discussions was the initiative for a Small Business Management Deposit Scheme that would replicate the successful Farm Management Deposit Scheme. The definition of a small business would reflect that identified in the *Corporations Act 2001*.

A long-standing practice of the MTA Queensland has been to submit prebudget priorities for the Federal Budget, the most recent being on 6 December 2019 for the May 2020 Budget. Due to the F&IMDD proposal, the Association has submitted a supplementary submission to the Budget Policy Division for consideration. It is attached.

We would appreciate your advocacy of this initiative to the Treasurer Hon Josh Frydenberg and Assistant Minister Hon Michael Sukkar.

Thank you for advocacy and representation.

Yours sincerely

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