



**THE HON MICHAEL SUKKAR MP**  
**Minister for Housing and Assistant Treasurer**

**An open letter to Australia's independent automotive repairers**

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to update you on the Government's progress on the design of a mandatory information sharing scheme for motor vehicle service and repair information.

The scheme will ensure independent repairers have fair access to the information they need to do their job. This will create a level playing field in the sector and allow consumers to have their vehicles safely repaired by the repairer of their choice.

The Government has now considered feedback received from a range of stakeholders, including small and medium businesses, industry associations and manufacturers. I am pleased to note that stakeholders generally supported the scheme's objectives.

The Government has now decided to progress the scheme in stand-alone legislation to provide greater certainty for the sector and robust dispute resolution processes.

We are also considering the potential for an industry-led body to assist Government with administering the scheme. This will help ensure repairers, consumers and manufacturers remain an important voice in developing the scheme, keeping it effective and relevant.

I am also working closely with my Ministerial colleagues on a range of other issues of concern in the sector, including on automotive dealer franchising. The Government is closely co-ordinating these processes to ensure a consistent and timely outcome for this sector.

The mandatory information sharing scheme forms part of our commitment to support small businesses and consumers in the new car retail supply chain. I look forward to providing further updates on the Government's progress in implementing the scheme in coming months.

I trust this information will be of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Michael Sukkar'.

The Hon Michael Sukkar MP