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Western Australian consultation outcome report on certification of repairers for work on electric vehicles

Dear Minister,

I write on behalf of the Australian Automotive Aftermarket Association (AAAA) to welcome the Western Australian Government's decision not to introduce a new electric vehicle repair class or related qualification requirements at this time.

The consultation outcome report demonstrates **a careful and evidence-based approach** to a complex policy question. In particular, we welcome the report's recommendation that a new EV repair class not be introduced at this stage, together with the recommendation for a further review in the first half of 2027 so the market and training environment can continue to develop.

AAAA appreciates the opportunity to have contributed to this process and thanks the Department for its considered engagement with industry. We were pleased to receive the Department's correspondence of 16 March 2026 providing the report and acknowledging AAAA's submission in response to the earlier issues paper.

We believe the report reaches the right conclusion. It recognises that, while EV uptake is growing, the market is still maturing, and the repair sector is adapting in real time. The report also properly acknowledges the significant risk that premature licensing or mandatory training requirements could duplicate existing training, impose additional costs on workshops, and worsen existing skills shortages.

Importantly, the report recognises that safety and consumer protection obligations already apply through work health and safety laws, Australian Consumer Law requirements, existing standards and other training pathways. AAAA agrees that good regulation must be proportionate, practical, and responsive to actual market conditions. It should support safe and competent repair outcomes without unnecessarily reducing workshop capacity, restricting competition, or making it harder for motorists to access timely and affordable repairs.

We also welcome the report's recognition of the challenges facing regional and small businesses, including training access, workforce shortages and the risk of unintended consequences if reforms are introduced too quickly. That is an especially important consideration in Western Australia, given the size of the State and the need to maintain repair access across metropolitan and regional areas alike.

AAAA supports continued work with government, training providers, and industry to strengthen EV capability in a practical way. In our view, the priority should be supporting appropriate upskilling pathways and safe work practices, rather than creating new occupational barriers before the market is ready.

Thank you again for the measured approach taken by the Western Australian Government.

We would welcome the opportunity to continue engaging with your office and the Department as this work progresses towards the next review.

Yours sincerely,



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