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The Secretary  
Senate Standing Committee on Economics  
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Dear Sir / Madam

**Re: Inquiry into the Exposure Draft of the Business Names Registration Bill 2011  
and Related Bills**

Thank you for email correspondence of July 8, 2011 inviting the Motor Trades Association Queensland (MTA Queensland) to make a Submission to the Senate Economics Legislation Committee's Inquiry in respect to:

- *Draft Business Names Registration Bill 2011;*
- *Draft Business Names (Transitional and Consequential Provisions) Bill 2011;* and
- *Draft Business Names Registration (Fees) Bill 2011 (the Drafts).*

**Submission**

MTA Queensland submits the following views which are confined to issues that are within the purview of our Members:-

- (i) MTA Queensland in its initial submission in respect of the ABN Business Name Registration Project supported the Council of Australian Government's policy goal "for there to be a seamless, single online registration system for ABNs and business names ..."

The Association stated that it was a necessary reform measure enabling increased transparency and clarity for business operators by reducing the complexity of the existing cross-jurisdictional processes that protect intellectual property and business good will.

- (ii) In the Association's April 21, 2011 submission to the Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research Inquiry we sought clarification in the context of an "Offence" for an omission to display an entity's Business

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Names Information (particularly the Australian Business Number) indelibly on all written external communications. In particular the Association sought a definition of “written external communication”.

We appreciate that this concern has been rectified in the *Draft Business Names Registration Bill 2011* (Section 19 (1) and (2) and we support the draft legislation in its latest iteration.

MTA Queensland therefore supports the suite of draft legislation without qualification.

### **MTA Queensland Background**

By way of background, MTA Queensland is the peak organisation in the State representing the specific interests of 2,500 businesses in the retail, repair and service sector of Australia’s automotive industry. It is an industrial association of employers incorporated pursuant to the *Industrial Relations Act* of Queensland.

The Association, comprising 12 separate divisions represents and promotes the issues of the automotive industries to all levels of government and within Queensland’s economic structure. There is a high propensity for the automotive value chain to comprise small to medium enterprises.

MTA Queensland divisions are each representative of a specialist area of the State’s automotive industry. They are **Australian Automotive Dealers’ Association of Queensland; Queensland Farm and Industrial Machinery Dealers’ Division; Queensland Motorcycle Industry Division; Automotive Engineers’ Division; Queensland Tyre and Undercar Division; Engine Re-conditioners’ Association of Queensland; Rental Vehicle Industry Division; Service Station & Convenience Store Association of Queensland; National Auto Collision Alliance; Used Car Division; Independent Tow Truck Operators and Auto Parts Recyclers’ Association of Queensland.**

The Association is the leading automotive training organisation in Queensland offering nationally recognised training, covering all aspects of the retail motor trades industry. The Association’s Motor Industry Training entity is the largest automotive apprentice trainer in Queensland employing 26 trainers based from Cairns to the Gold Coast and Toowoomba and Emerald.

### **Conclusion**

We would be pleased to provide further comment on our Submissions if further clarification or amplification is required.

Yours sincerely

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