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Response: Payment Times Reporting Framework – Discussion Paper

The Australian Automotive Dealer Association (AADA) welcomes the opportunity to provide input into the Department's Discussion Paper for the Payment Times Reporting Framework.

The AADA is the peak industry advocacy body exclusively representing franchised new car Dealers in Australia. There are around 1,500 new car Dealers in Australia that operate about 3,500 new vehicle outlets.

The AADA is supportive of the Government's intention to introduce a comprehensive reporting framework to encourage faster and fairer payment to Australia's small businesses.

Specifically, we believe that a legislated framework would provide the best certainty of integrity and completeness. Further, we think that the framework should focus on payments to Small Business only, and that all entities of the required size, whether incorporated or not, should be included in the reporting framework.

Finally, we believe strongly that neither turnover nor staff size are proper measures of a small business in the current environment, and that the definition of a small business should follow the current practice of the Commonwealth's Pay-on-time Policy and be based on the expenditure value of contracts or invoices the business issues.

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Yours sincerely,



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