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## ACCC GRANTS CLASS EXEMPTION FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

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To: ALL AADA MEMBERS

Today, the ACCC has granted a class exemption which will enable franchised new car Dealers regardless of their size to collectively negotiate with suppliers and franchisors, without having to first seek ACCC approval. This first ever class exemption introduced by the ACCC is due to commence in early 2021.

The class exemption is granted to all franchisees governed by the Franchising Code of Conduct and will allow Dealer Councils to represent Dealer interests and negotiate with the Manufacturers on behalf of their Members without having to go through ACCC's 'authorisation' or 'notification' processes. Collective bargaining is available on a voluntary basis and bargaining groups will now only have to complete a one-page form and provide it to the ACCC.

More information about the collective bargaining class exemption can be found at the [ACCC's website](#).

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact:

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