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### **Response: “Designing a modern Australian Business Number system” Consultation Paper**

The Australian Automotive Dealer Association (AADA) welcomes the opportunity to provide input into the Treasury’s consultation paper into the modernisation of the ABN system.

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 update and modernise the ABN system to provide greater transparency about the businesses that operate in Australia.

Specifically, we consider that any modernisation of the system should focus on providing better data on businesses that are active at the time. Further, the system should seek to exclude business activity by hobbyists that do not meet the Tax Office thresholds for consideration as a small business. These two initiatives, coupled with regular culling of the system should see the ABN system focused on actual economic activity that benefits the Australian economy.

It should be noted that AADA exclusively represents the interests of franchised new car Dealers, there may be used car traders who hold an alternative view.

We stand ready to assist the Government in communicating any changes to the ABN system to our members.

Please feel free to contact James Voortman on 0452 535 696 or [jvoortman@aada.asn.au](mailto:jvoortman@aada.asn.au) if you have any questions.

Yours Sincerely,

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