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Education, Employment and Training Committee

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AADA Submission: Trading (Allowable Hours) & Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2022

The Australian Automotive Dealer Association represents franchised new car Dealers. AADA submits to the Education, Employment and Training Committee in response to the Bill and the Inquiry into the operation of the Trading (allowable Hours) Act 1990. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

We support the existing trading hours arrangements. We understand there are no changes proposed to section 16EA of the Act regulating sale of motor vehicles or caravans in Queensland.

AADA notes that the Queensland Government responded to the Report of the Review of Allowable Hours and accepted recommendation 3:

"The Committee recommends that the trading hours for the industry specific categories under section 16E – 'Hardware shops' and section 16EA – 'Shops selling motor vehicles or caravans' be retained in the Act without amendment."

AADA welcomes and fully supports this decision.

When surveyed on trading hours, 90% of Queensland Motor Dealers supported the current arrangements. Expanding trading hours for motor dealers in Queensland is not supported by AADA.

Queensland Motor Dealers have consistently opposed extension of trading hours and AADA can confirm that this is the current position of Queensland Motor Dealers who continue to voice their opposition to any extension of trading hours. There is no need, or demand to change hours, if trading hours were extended to Sunday or further public holidays additional costs and difficulties of staff recruitment and retention would arise.

The provisions of the Trading (Allowable Hours) and other Legislation Amendment Bill 2022 are supported by AADA as the Bill does not extend Motor Dealer trading hours.

Thank you for providing this opportunity to submit and comment. Should you have any questions or require further information please contact me.



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