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## ANNOUNCING NEW AADA CHAIR AND BOARD MEMBERS

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To: ALL AADA MEMBERS

We are pleased to announce that the AADA Board has elected David Blackhall as the Australian Automotive Dealer Association's new Chairman, commencing his duties as an independent director following the AADA Annual General Meeting this afternoon.

David has excellent industry experience through a long and successful career in the automotive industry. As the former CEO of the AADA (2016-2019), David also has extensive experience in working with the Government and industry. During his time as the AADA CEO, he made some significant gains for the AADA and its members. Since 2019, David has continued to provide valuable support to the AADA and its members as an independent consultant, supporting the AADA in its fight for better automotive franchising regulations.

Separately, the AADA is also welcoming two new Directors to its Board. Edwina Gilbert, Executive Chair of the Phil Gilbert Motor Group, will be joining the Board as a Director for New South Wales and David Reynolds, Managing Director of the Steinborner Automotive Group, will be joining as the Director for South Australia. Both Edwina and David have extensive experience in the automotive industry and have served on the Australian Motor Dealer Council. Their appointment will take effect immediately, following approval at the AGM today.

Finally, we would like to acknowledge outgoing Chairman Terry Keating for his leadership and guidance over the past six years. Terry has played a significant role in making AADA the peak Dealer body in Australia, recognised by Dealers, other industry bodies, regulators, and the Government. Terry was instrumental in convincing the Dealer councils to commit to an adequate level of funding for the AADA. He has presided over several major achievements, including the hard-fought reforms to automotive franchising laws and the reversal of plans to allow for parallel imports of new vehicles to name a few.

Terry's time as Chair comes on the back of a lifetime of service to the automotive industry including roles as the President of MTA-NSW, a director of the MTAA, Chair of the Ford National Dealer Council and Chairman of the BMW National Dealer Council.

Terry has chaired his final Board meeting today and the industry will formally honour him in person at the AADA Chairman's Dinner in March 2022.

If you have any questions, please contact the below AADA team member:

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