

To: [Legislation Scrutiny Committee](#)
Subject: RE: Call for Submissions - Return to Work Legislation Amendment Bill 2020
Date: Wednesday, 11 March 2020 8:59:56 AM

Good morning

Please note that late last year the Motor Trade Association of South Australia expanded into the Northern Territory and is now known as the Motor Trade Association SA/NT. We have subscribed to the Parliament's website for consultation updates, but please amend your records to reflect mtaadvocacy@mtasant.gov.au as the primary contact when reaching out.

The Return to Work Bill includes provision reinstating coverage of workers for injury sustained while travelling to and from work. With certain exceptions, including travel between work sites or where there is a direct correlation between the employment and the injury, this coverage has been removed from the worker's compensation schemes in the majority of states in Australia. For motor vehicle accidents, schemes such as the Motor Accidents Compensation Scheme would provide coverage for those injured travelling to and from work.

The inclusion of this coverage will increase premiums for our members, due to the significant increase in coverage and claims. It will also expose our members to claims for injuries occurring away from any workplace, at a time and in a location where the worker is not currently working, and when the employer has no control over either the employee or over the environment in order to reduce or manage any risks.

The Motor Trade Association SA/NT considers that this provision of the amending legislation should be removed, and the current position retained in this regard.

Should you wish to clarify any aspect of the MTA's submission, please contact our Workplace Relations Manager Chris Morey by email to mtaadvocacy@mtasant.gov.au

Kind regards

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