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SUBMISSION: Draft Motor Dealers and Repairers Amendment (Statutory Review) Bill 2022

About Sell and Parker

Sell and Parker is a 100% Australian family run business and is the largest metal recycler in NSW. We currently have more than 380 employees (including cadets, trainees and apprentices) at 6 sites across NSW including Banksmeadow, Blacktown, Ingleburn, Nowra, Newcastle and Coffs Harbour. We also have operations in the Northern Territory, Western Australia, and Victoria.

We commenced trading in 1966 and are well experienced in dealing with all issues surrounding scrap collection, processing and recycling.

Sell and Parker also owns and operates:

- Australian Frontline Machinery, which is the disposal agent for the Australian Defence. We market and sell ex-military equipment and remit the proceeds to the Commonwealth.
- Precision Oxycut, located in Smithfield and Carrington, which cuts and machines steel plates for other Australian manufacturers
- Allthread industries, a Regent Park based manufacturer of high quality rolled bolts, which are supplied into construction projects across Australia
- 4 large, high volume Container Deposit redemption depots in NSW

We are proud to be a significant contributor to the community and we support many charitable causes including the Sydney Children's Hospital, the Royal Flying Doctor Service and Sculpture by the Sea.

Response to the Draft Motor Dealers and Repairers Amendment (Statutory Review) Bill 2022

Sell and Parker submitted to the initial consultation of the Statutory Review of the Motor Dealers and Repairers Act 2013 highlighting the need to better regulate the end-of-life motor vehicle recycling activity across NSW. These include consistently banning the use of cash in all forms of scrap metal trade, a requirement for a Motor Vehicle Recycler licence holder to have a council approved recycling yard that is also complaint with the NSW Fire Safety in Waste Facilities Guidelines, and establishing an online register for the recording of VINs.





The proposed Bill makes a range of common-sense reforms that will benefit the State, motor dealers and repairs and auxiliary industries.

However, we repeat our concerns with the lacklustre enforcement agenda. The amendment Bill does not address this issue.

In addition Sell and Parker is concerned that the proposed penalties for unlicensed motor vehicle recyclers, sale of motor vehicles by motor vehicle recyclers, requirement for cashless transactions, prohibitions on buying or disposing of unidentified motor vehicles are, insufficient and do not extend far enough to discourage non-compliance. These penalties, as proposed, are a weakness in what is otherwise significant and effective reform. Despite the intentions of the proposed reforms, they do not outweigh the perceived benefit and financial gain from such conduct. To carry out these reforms in a long-lasting and future profred manner, the penalties should be significantly increased to acts as a deterrent and punishment for those in the industry that engage in unlawful behaviour.

Sell and Parker particularly appreciate the stated intentions of the NSW Government to rectify inconsistencies that exist between the Motor Dealers and Repairers Act 2013 and the Scrap Metal Act 2016 that facilitate the cash purchases of scrap metal. Sell and Parker and other compliant scrap metal recyclers eagerly await the assent of these proposed amendment bills. However, in order to have an impact on unscrupulous players and criminal activity, the NSW government and NSW police must have a clear, robust and consistent enforcement agenda against the advertising of and use of cash transactions for scrap metal.

Should you require any further information about any aspect of this submission, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully

Luke Parker CEO – Sell and Parker Group

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