



Industry News

MTA's Meeting with the Staysafe Committee (RWOs)

MTA NSW presented startling evidence to the NSW Government Staysafe Committee on the re-registration of written off vehicles. The information was of such a nature that Members of the Staysafe Committee appeared to be shocked from what has been going on with Repairable Write Offs (RWO). The information was provided from key stakeholders concerned with the safety of the general public.

MTA will be meeting with the Minister for Fair Trading in November to provide further evidence of these serious safety breaches being carried through RWOs. The question will be asked; once the vehicle is out of the Industry's control, what happens to that vehicle ?

When vehicles are classified as RWOs, with that branding any responsibility to ensuring that Manufacturer's specifications are used to return that vehicle back to pre-accident condition are lost. These poorly repaired vehicles and total losses are then re-registered and sold to the unsuspecting public looking for a bargain, believing that if the vehicle has been registered then it must be roadworthy.

MTA NSW will continue to liaise with the Staysafe Committee and NSW Government to represent the industry and general public on these matters.

Don't Forget! Quick Bumper Bar Survey – Please Complete ASAP

Over 120 Repairers have already completed this survey – thank you! But we need more ... MTA NSW is researching ways in which it can help the industry dispose of bumper bars in an environmentally friendly way. Please fill in the Body Repair Industry Bumper Bar Survey (only 5 quick questions) either electronically by clicking the link below:

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=r8mCNVWSMdsswL5Xl6orHg_3d_3d

OR by hitting reply and putting the answers next to the questions below:

1. **What is the postcode of the area where your business is located?**
2. **The average number of vehicles repaired in your workshop each week is:**
3. **The average number of Exchange/Recycled bumper bars used in your workshop each week is:**
4. **Of the bumper bars that are used each week in your workshop:**
 - a. Approximate number of bumper bars that are put into the general waste bin:
 - b. Approximate number of bumper bars that are taken away by Exchange Operators:
 - c. Approximate number of bumper bars that are taken away by Recycling Operators (NOT Exchange):
5. **If a program operated in your area that would take away unwanted bumper bars for RECYCLING at minimal cost to your business:**
 - a. Would your workshop be prepared to remove any metal components?
 - b. How many bumper bars could you reasonably store?
 - c. How often would you need the bumper bars to be collected?

I-CAR Training in Wollongong – 11th November 2009

ALT02 (HYBRID ELECTRIC & ALTERNATIVE FUEL VEHICLES) (New Course)

With almost every manufacturer ready to release their own Hybrids from early 2010, this brand new course will minimise the risks in your workshop, both in repair, storage and handling.

SPS07 (STEEL UNITIZED STRUCTURES TECHNOLOGIES AND REPAIR)

Developed to address the issues of high strength and ultra high strength steels, this course is a must for anyone involved in collision repair on post 2000 vehicles.

More details and registration form.

Contact I-CAR Australia on 07 3255 0447 if you have any questions.

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