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VIA EMAIL

Dear Shona,

RE: HVIA feedback on proposed Road Vehicle Entry and Recall monthly statistics

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed new statistical report. Based on the provided draft, the report is certainly of interest to Heavy Vehicle Industry Australia (HVIA) and our members.

Broadly, HVIA represents and advances the interests of manufacturers and suppliers of heavy vehicles and their components, equipment and technology. Our membership includes almost every major truck manufacturer/importer, most of Australia's major trailer manufacturers and an ever-growing list of their suppliers and distributors.

We would like to offer some specific feedback to increase the value and utility of the data for our members. All references to figures/tables are in relation to the provided draft report.

- disaggregate the data in Table/Figure 5 to show trailer make and model, number of axles, and all other available characteristics
- disaggregate the data in Table/Figure 8, and Table/Figure 9 to show truck models, NB1/NB2 category, Safer Freight Vehicle (SFV) classification, and Second Stage Manufacture (SSM) classification.

Inclusion of NB1/NB2 category will provide context in relation to HVNL applicability, and enable useful comparisons between this data and other BITRE data sets to be made.

An additional benefit would be for the data to be provided in an excel spreadsheet that would readily allow industry to perform further analysis.

The draft report notes that vehicle motive power source is not captured in the RAV data, which is unfortunate as that information is of significant value. HVIA calls for its future inclusion.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Adam Ritzinger".

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