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MTA NSW AND AHVRA SUPPORTS DROUGHT RELIEF

The Motor Traders' Association of NSW (MTA NSW) together with the Australian Heavy Vehicle Repairers Association (AHVRA) have committed to donating a total of $15,000 to the **Buy a Bale** campaign, in support of local farming communities who are struggling with severe drought conditions.

"On behalf of our Executive Board and Members, the Motor Traders' Association of NSW has committed to this donation in order to provide practical support to those farmers in need," said MTA NSW CEO, Stavros Yallouridis.

"With over half of our Members' businesses located within regional and rural NSW, the ongoing drought conditions are also having an adverse effect on their own businesses within the affected communities." Yallouridis said. "By supporting the farmers we are also indirectly helping the local automotive businesses that are dependent on farming and the agricultural industry".

AHVRA Chairman, Richard Nathan said, "Our Members, who specialise in accident repairs to trucks and trailers, wanted to contribute after learning of the devastating effect the drought was having, especially those businesses employing locals within the regional communities".

The employer Associations joint contributions will be directed towards buying bales of hay to be transported to affected farmers across the four affected NSW regions of the Hunter, New England, Southern NSW and Western NSW.

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Motor Traders' Association of NSW (MTA NSW) - *Founded in 1910, MTA NSW is an employers Association and registered training organisation, dedicated to representing business owners and business principals in the NSW automotive industry.*

Australian Heavy Vehicle Repairers Association (AHVRA) - *The AHVRA is the National Industry Association whose members specialise in accident repairs to commercial vehicles - predominately Truck and Trailers. It was formed to represent Heavy Vehicle Smash Repair businesses and to address key issues which are unique to this specialised sector.*

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