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PRESS RELEASE

SAE-A Invites Members to Provide Feedback on the State Government's Statutory Registration of Engineers Proposal

The Society of Automotive Engineers – Australasia (SAE-A) invites members, both corporate and individual, to review and provide comments on the Victorian State Government's proposed Statutory Registration Scheme for Victorian Engineers.

The Victorian State Government Department of Treasury and Finance has released a consultation paper outlining a proposal to create a mandatory registration scheme for practising engineers in Victoria.

According to the consultation paper, the Government is of the opinion that mandatory registration will “raise standards across the engineering profession, reduce the risk of harm and loss to the public.”

The paper further outlines the Government's reasoning for promoting the scheme.

“Despite the important role that they play in the economy, the vast majority of engineers are not required to hold any kind of formal registration or license... the Government has publicly committed to the ‘...introduction of a mandatory, statutory registration scheme and [to] work with other jurisdictions to develop a nationally consistent registration scheme for engineers to raise standards across the engineering profession and reduce the risk of harm and loss to the public.”

The engineering fields concerned in this discussion are the mining, manufacturing, electricity, gas, water & waste, construction, transport, consulting and professional service industries.

The SAE-A urges members to review the State Government's consultation paper and to provide comments to the Society, while we formulate our own response to the proposal. Feedback can be sent to the SAE-A National Office at info@sae-a.com.au.

The Society also encourages members to supply feedback directly to the Victorian Government, on matters pertaining to the scheme.

Comments from members can be sent to the Department of Treasury and Finance at anjana.singh@dtf.vic.gov.au by Friday the 7th of October 2016.

The paper can be viewed and downloaded from State Governments website: www.dtf.vic.gov.au/Victorias-Economy/Registration-of-Engineers-Stakeholder-Consultation

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