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DR PETER TOYNE MLA Minister for Justice and Attorney-General

MINISTER WELCOMES CONSUMER AFFAIRS CLAMP-DOWN

Minister for Justice and Attorney-General Dr Peter Toyne today supported the action of the Consumer Affairs Commissioner to revoke the licences of two dodgy motor vehicle traders for breaches against the *Consumer Affairs and Fair Trading Act*.

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“This is the first time Consumer Affairs have taken the full force of the law against motor traders in the Territory and it won’t be the last.

“Revoking a motor traders licences means they cannot trade and is an appropriate penalty for serious breaches of the Act by unscrupulous dealers.

“Motor Traders are now on notice to ensure they adhere to fair trading principles and are licensed or face expulsion from the trade,” said Dr Toyne.

The Office of Consumer Affairs will be enforcing the letter of the law and monitoring the dealings of motor traders much more strongly than has occurred in the past

“The majority of car dealers in the Territory are honest and have nothing to fear from Consumer Affairs activities, but the warning is clearly out there for those few unscrupulous dealers to clean up their act.

“We want to retain a healthy and respectable car sales industry in the Territory, and there is no room for dodgy dealers,” said Dr Toyne.

The licence of Mr Paul Reid trading as Paul Reid’s World of Wheels and Independent Care Dealers Pty Ltd trading as Affordable Car Rentals were revoked for breaches of the *Consumer Affairs and Fair Trading Act*.

Dr Toyne said consumers are also urged to seek advice from Consumer Affairs on 89991999 and to be aware of their rights.