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Code for insurers and smash repairers

The Insurance Council of Australia (ICA) has welcomed the NSW Premier, Mr Lemmy's statement to Parliament today that the Government would not support "anti-steering" legislation.

ICA's CEO, Kerrie Kelly, said this would ensure that consumers continued to have access to quality vehicle repairs at a reasonable price.

Ms Kelly also noted that the Premier had committed the Government to introducing legislation based on the national code of practice between insurers and smash repairers, now being developed by the Smash Repair Industry Implementation Taskforce.

"The Federal Government established the Taskforce to look at the Productivity Commission's recommendation for a voluntary code of practice between insurers and smash repairers. The insurance industry has participated in the Taskforce during its six months of deliberations and we are working hard to get the code agreed to and implemented. The Taskforce is due to report by the end of this month.

"The insurance industry will work with the NSW Government in framing its legislation to ensure that quality repairs can be provided at a reasonable price to consumers," Ms Kelly said.

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