

## JP Morgan – 'Meet the regulator'

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## Agenda

- About MAIC
- Scheme overview
- Scheme key metrics and performance
- Looking ahead
- Wrapping up



#### Motor Accident Insurance Commission Queensland's compulsory third party insurance scheme regulator

**Functions** 

- Licensing and supervising CTP insurers
- Monitoring the scheme
- Fixing CTP premium ceilings and floors
- Setting levies and fees to support the scheme
- Promoting research, education and infrastructure to mitigate road trauma
- Claims and insurance policy data collection and analytics
- Compensating people who are injured as a result of the negligent driving of an unidentified or uninsured motor vehicle through the Nominal Defendant
- Administering the Nominal Defendant and Motor Accident Insurance funds







## **Scheme Overview**

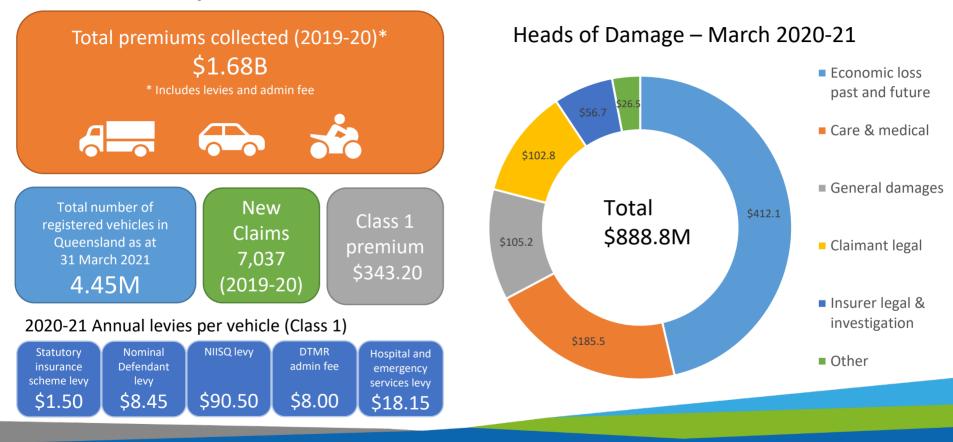






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#### Scheme Snapshot



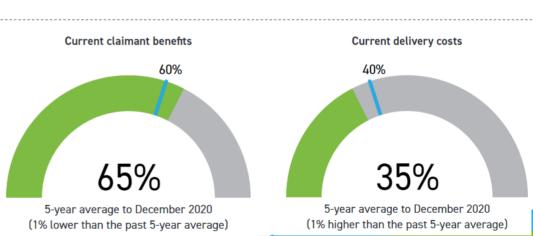


### Scheme Affordability and Efficiency

- Queensland CTP premium continues to be most affordable in mainland Australia.
- From 1 January to 31 March 2021, the Class 1 premium (\$351.60) was 21.8 per cent of Average Weekly Earnings.

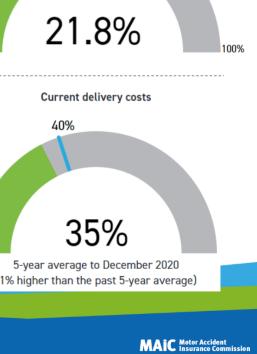
#### **Efficiency measures**

- Aiming to increase proportion of premium paid as a benefit to claimants
- Delivery costs has risen slightly – effect of reforms and COVID-19 restrictions



Affordability Level as at March 2021

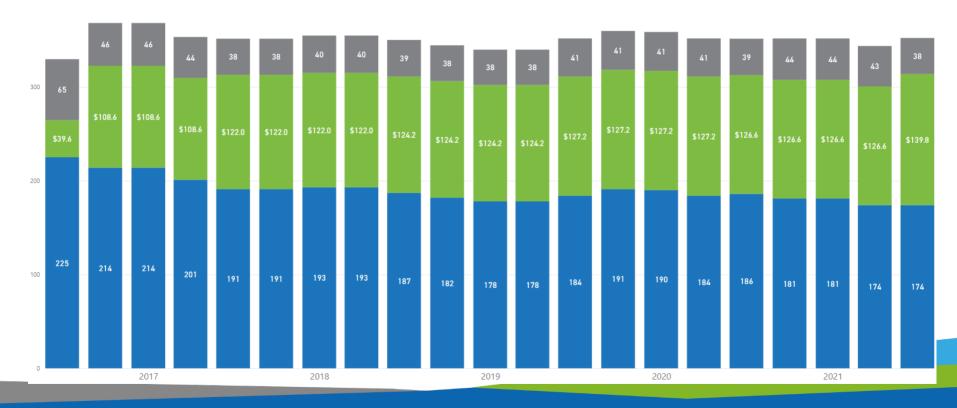
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### CTP premium Class 1 vehicle: July 2016 – July 2021

● Insurer risk premium ● Levies and fee ● Insurer allowance and profit







### MAIC Scheme Insights report

#### Quarterly CTP Scheme Insights: Jan-Mar 2021

#### Overview

The first quarter of 2021 saw Queensland's CTP insurance scheme continue to perform well to meet the needs of motorists and people injured in motor vehicle crashes.

#### From January to March 2021:

- our CTP insurance scheme remained efficient and affordable
- the number of claims lodged each quarter remained lower than before we introduced car crash scammer ('claim farming') legislative reforms
- we enhanced our online form for CTP insurance claims following user feedback and saw increased adoption.

#### In the upcoming quarter, we will:

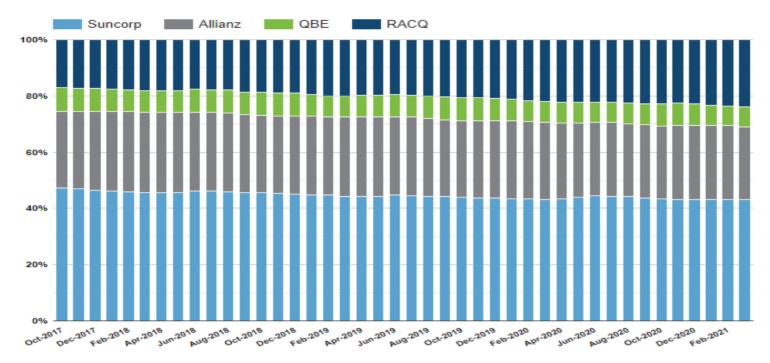
- · retain our strong emphasis on deterring car crash scamming
- continue to examine how digital forms will improve the process of requesting or managing rehabilitation requests, reimbursement requests and treatment plans
- complete our audit of rehabilitation management by licensed CTP insurers.



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#### Insurer Market Share – Premium Based...2017-2021

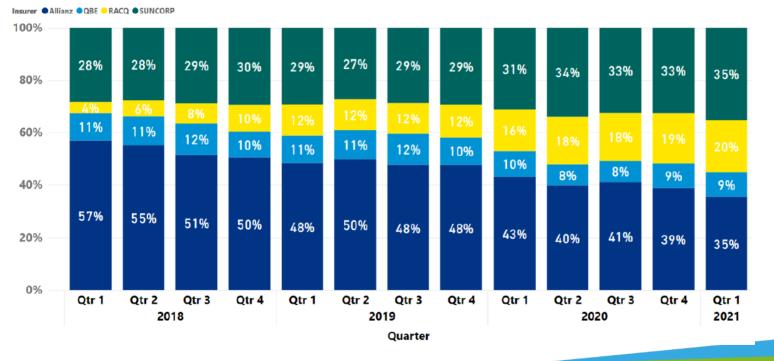


- Market shares broadly stable switching insurer mainly occurs at first renewal
- Competition 'below the line' multi-product discounts, driver at fault cover



#### Motor Dealer sales channel - by Insurer 2018-2021

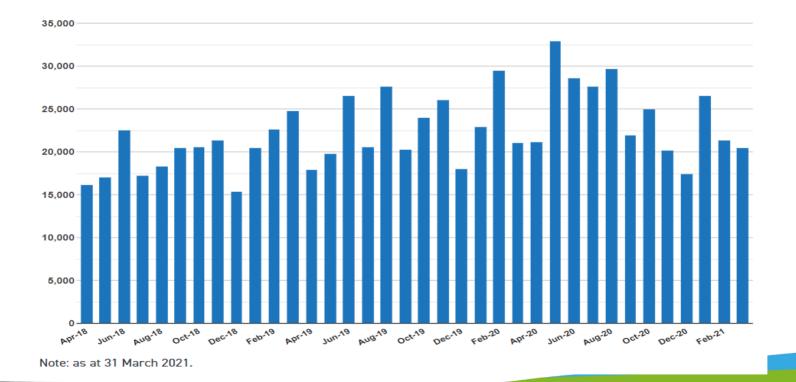
#### Regulatory focus on motor dealer channel - change in CTP sales patterns





#### Number of Motorists Switching Insurer 2018-2021

There has been a general upward trend in switching over the last few years.







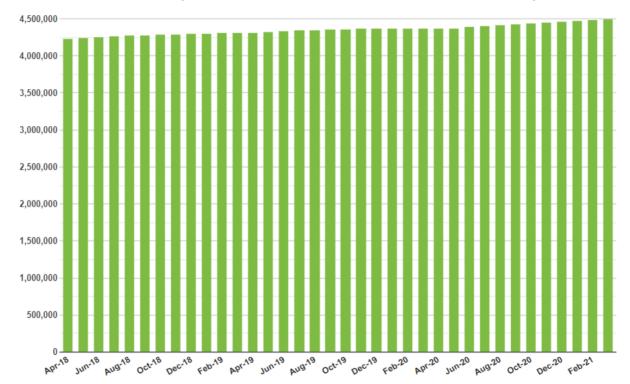
## Scheme key metrics and performance

- Registered vehicles
- Claims frequency
- Insurer profitability
- Where the premium dollar goes



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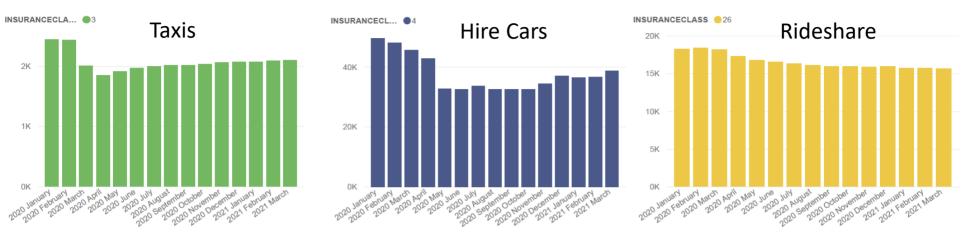
#### Registered Vehicles (4.45M at 31 March 2021)



• Vehicle numbers 'flattened' in early 2020 but have since rebounded



#### Registered Vehicles - Classes 3 (Taxis), 4 (Hire Cars) & 26 (Ride Share)

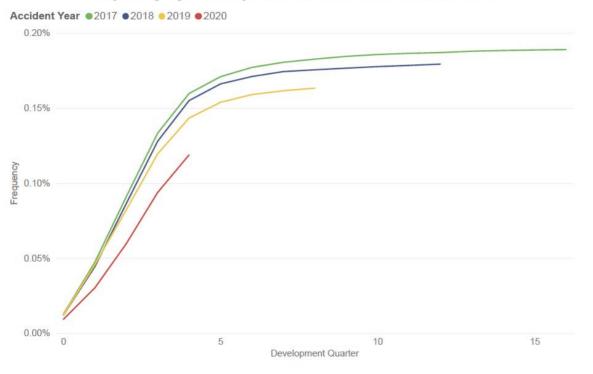


- Taxi, Hire Car and Rideshare vehicles dropped following COVID-19 lockdown.
- Drop in taxis almost entirely from Brisbane and Gold Coast areas
- Since the low of April 2020, hire cars have increased significantly, while class 3 has increased slightly and class 26 has decreased slightly.



### **Claim Frequency**

Frequency by Development Quarter and Accident Year



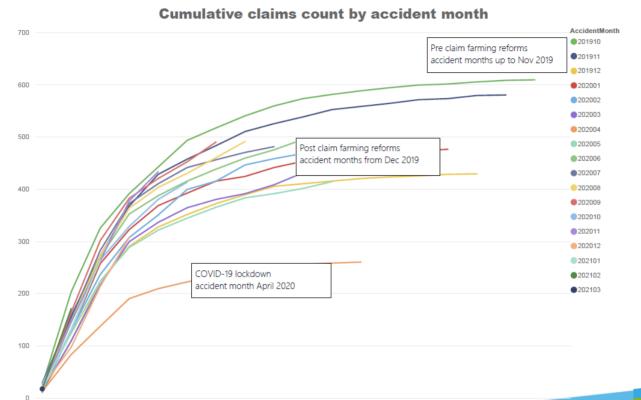
Claim farming reforms in December 2019 'anticipated' and appear to have influenced 2019 and 2020 frequency. Compounded by effect of 2020 **COVID** lockdowns



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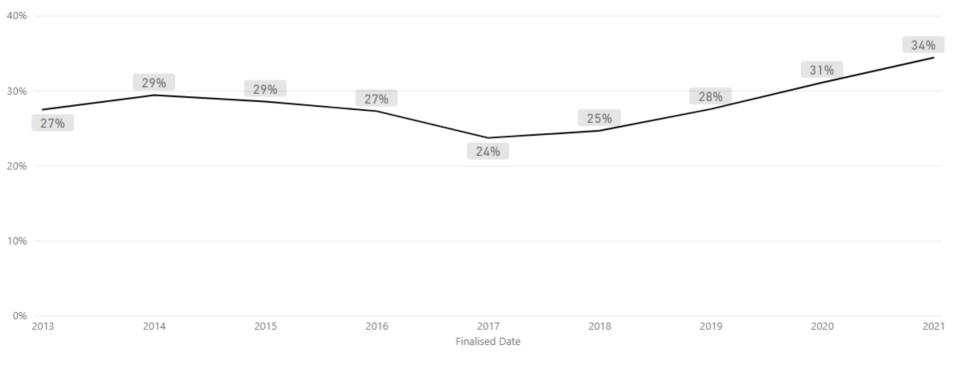
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- April 2020 period has effectively been ignored for premium purposes
- 2021 frequency emerging above 2020
- Will require more time to 'unpick' effect of reforms and effect of COVID-19 restrictions

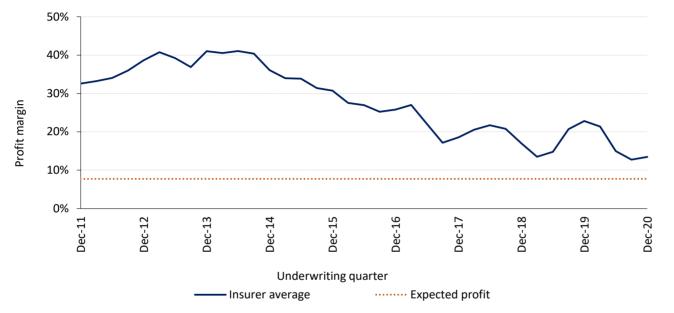


#### **Psychological Injury Claims**



Proportion of claims involving 'secondary psychological injury' have increased. Primarily anxiety rather than PTSD A range of factors appear to contributing to this. How insurers respond is also a factor

### QLD CTP Scheme Insurer retrospective profit margin



- Scheme-level Insurer profits remain well above assumed allowance of 8%
- Each insurer has different scale and market propositions
- Individual insurer outcomes vary from scheme average



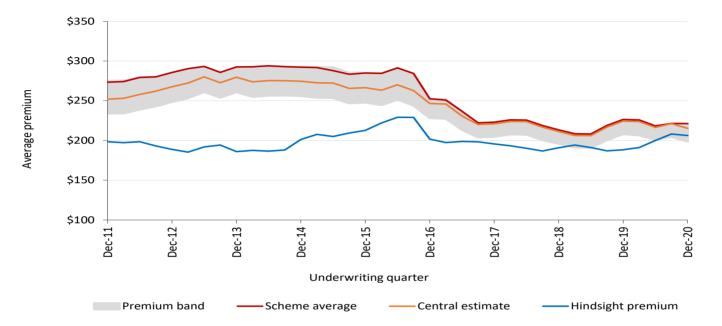
### Retrospective profit – historical trend

	Measurement year								
Underwriting year	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
		(2.59	% p.a. SI)		(1% p.a. SI)			(0.5% p.a. SI)	
2012	12%	18%	27%	31%	35%	37%	36%	35%	<mark>35%</mark>
2013		17%	29%	35%	40%	43%	42%	39%	<mark>39%</mark>
2014			24%	28%	38%	41%	41%	40%	<mark>40%</mark>
2015				18%	32%	37%	36%	34%	<mark>32%</mark>
2016					25%	26%	25%	25%	<mark>26%</mark>
2017						14%	17%	17%	<mark>21%</mark>
2018							10%	12%	<mark>20%</mark>
2019								5%	<mark>18%</mark>
2020									<mark>16%</mark>

- Historical profit margins have remained high no adverse scheme trends
- Recent years starting very favourably for insurers
  - MAIC held premiums stable in the face of COVID uncertainty
  - Effectiveness of claim farming reforms



#### QLD CTP Scheme – Hindsight view of risk premium



- Insurer have typically filed at ceiling or maximum allowed price
- MAIC tightening premium assumptions since 2016



#### Scheme performance – where the premium dollar goes

			Proportion of premium	
Scheme delivery	Components	Payment types	(Recent 5 underwriting years)	
Claimant benefits		Care and medical payments	9%	
		Economic loss	33%	
	Payment to claimant	General damages	8%	
		Other payments (pre-approved costs, legal plaintiff costs, trustee fees and recoveries)	9%	
	H & E Levy	Hospital and Emergency Services (H&E) levy	6%	
Delivery cost	Insurer profit	Insurer's profit margin	19%	
	Legal and investigation costs	Legal defendant costs and insurers' investigation costs	4%	
	Admin levies	Statutory Insurance Scheme levy and Queensland Transport Administration fee	3%	
		Acquisition costs	3%	
	Other costs	Reinsurance costs	1%	
		Claim handling expenses (CHE)	4%	

- 65% of premium paid to claimant benefits
- 'Better practice' would expect to see this increase





## Looking ahead







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### Car crash scamming reforms

#### MAIA amendments commenced December 2019

- Positive engagement from lawyers and insurers
- MAIC has invested in specialist analytics, investigation and legal expertise

#### Progress

- Claim frequency in 2019 started to reduce...."in anticipation of the reforms"?
- Complaints/referrals from the public have reduced materially...
- ...but haven't completely ceased so it is apparent some activity persists
- MAIC continues to focus on awareness and deterrence activity
- Premium savings currently estimated at \$17 per policy...as well as broader public benefits

### Autonomous vehicles (AVs)

#### National Transport Commission (NTC) Reforms

- Reform progress slowed during COVID-19
   response
- Target implementation date not set, but reforms are expected to occur
- Mixed global news on AV front
  - Tesla fatal crash in US
  - UK legislate for driverless vehicles
- Further info at www.ntc.gov.au

### **NIISQ** reforms

 Insurance Commissioner to also be appointed NIISQ CEO June 2021 – better align schemes



### Digital claim project

#### **Digitised claim lodgement**

- On-line (eNOAC) now operational
- Uptake by direct claimants and law firms
- MAIC continues to explore identity verification and document witnessing aspects

#### **Digitised claim process**

- Ongoing activity to implement digital medical certificates, treatment and rehabilitation plans, reimbursement processes
- MAIC portal directly linked to licensed insurers
- Significant opportunities to digitize 'end to end' claim process

### First Peoples claim initiative

#### Ensure CTP scheme is safe and respectful to all

- Identify and address barriers to scheme access for all injured people
- Address over-representation of First People in serious road trauma and fatalities...
- ...but anecdotal feedback suggests there is also under-utilisation of the CTP scheme
- Engagement with respected Elders and trusted advisers. Campaign with FPDN and ATSILS
- Three year Griffith Uni research program to track experience and inform opportunities
- MAIC will transition focus to road safety and injury prevention messaging over time



## Wrapping up – our focus 2021-22

- Continuing focus on scheme affordability and fairness
- Ensure ongoing effectiveness of 2019 claim farming reforms
- Smart insurer supervision and scheme monitoring
- Continue to implement/expand claim digitisation processes
- Better alignment between CTP and NIISQ schemes











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